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PM reportedly asked Syria, Iran to block terror attack

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PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu sent messages via third parties to both Syria and Iran

over the weekend, requesting that they use their influence to prevent the Islamic Jihad from attacking Israel, diplomatic sources say.

On Friday, Netanyahu urgently summoned US Ambassador Martin Indyk and asked the US to pass the message to Damascus, apparently via US Ambassador to Syria Christopher Ross, according to the sources.

Speaking to reporters uesterday Netanyahu

Speaking to reporters yesterday, Netanyahu said foreign elements are behind the terrorist cells that are aiming to carry out an attack in Israel, and therefore Israel is making both security and diplomatic efforts to thwart an

Declining to elaborate on the nature of the foreign elements, Netanyaho said: "We have well-founded intelligence alerts about this... and hope to obstruct any developments."

Sources said Netanyahu deliberately did not name the foreign spousois, so as to avoid inflaming an already tense situation with Syria. which in recent mooths redeployed troops on the northern slopes of the Golan.

The Islamic Jihad bas an office in Damascus. which was headed by Fathi Shkaki before be was assassinated a year ago in Malta. The anniversary of Shkaki's assassination has put Israel on high alert for possible Islamic Jihad

Netanyahu transmitted a similar request to Iran via Germany, which has close ties with Teheran. It remains unclear whether the message was passed through diplomatic channels or directly to Chancellor Helmot Kohl's intelligence adviser Bernard Schmidbauer, who bas been the point man in dealing with Iran on sensitive intelligence issues.

Batshevo Tsur contributed to this report.



National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon meets with residents of the Judean settlement of Dolev yesterday. Story, Page 2 (Visual Hadan)

Sharon refuses to attend Cairo economic conference

NATIONAL Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday announced he would not be attending the Cairo Economic Conference

next week. "I believe in furthering relations with Arab states. I place great importance on that. But in my opinion, in order to further economic relations and other bilateral relations, there has to be a comfortable climate," Sharoo told Israel

"The situation that exists today is that Egypt's oewspapers and also its political leaders are attacking Israel in the most grievous way." Sbaroo said: It would be inappropriate, he continued. "to ignore this as if nothing

were happening."

It is worthwhile forming strong economic links with Egypt, but this demands mutual respect, said the minister. "In light of the racist and caricatured attacks in the Egyptian media, in which the Israeli government is equated with a Nazi government, there is oo

Troops kill two

gunmen in

south Lebanon

DAVID HARRIS and news agencies

point in this ministry participating in the sum-

However, if there is a clear change in attitudes, added Sharon, he woold be prepared to reconsider his decision. "I would be very happy to visit Egypt if there would be a fitting climate for it, if there would be relations of mutual respect."

Indostry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky told reporters he fully understands Sharon's stance, but personally has no option but to attend the conference at the head of a large delegation of businesspeople.

Many of the major projects scheduled for discussion at Cairo fall under the responsibility of Sharon's ministry. Infrastructure projects that will be presented and debated include international cooperation on energy and projects in the Jordan Rift Valley and

The other cabinet members who have confirmed their attendance at Cairo are Foreign Minister David Levy, Finance Minister Dan Meridor, and Communications Minister Limor Livnat.

The Egyptian government has already confirmed the event will not be beld at the primeministerial level, a decision widely believed to be linked to the failure of the Palestinian Authority and Israel to reach agreement on the Hebron redeployment.

Egypt's Foreign Ministry yesterday said it is not disturbed by Sharon's boycott decision, according to an Israel Radio report quoting Agence France Presse. "We have sent an invination from Foreign Minister Amr Monssa to Foreign Minister David Levy, so that Israel can be represented at the ministerial level," a ministry statement said. "This means that the Israeli government can choose its representa-

Zameret panel to present recommendations today

HAIM SHAPIRO and Itim

TROOPS killed two gunmeo in south Lebanon over the weekend and a bomb blew up next to a passing SLA patrol killing one militiaman, the army said yesterday. The explosion came just a few hours before Defense Mioister Yitzhak Mordechai visited the security zone and urged

To the best of my understanding, Northern Command is working at a high level and carrying out all the necessary preparations for any future possibilities. I repeat that we have no intention of intensifying the situation along the border," Mordechai said.

"We have an interest in calm. We have no aims across the border ... I

appeal to [President Hafez] Assad and the Syrians to return to the negotiating table."

The army said the bomb was set off yesterday morning as an SLA patrol was headed toward their outpost in the northeastern tip of the security zone. In Beirut, Hizbullah claimed

responsibility for the attack.

IDF and SLA gunners immediately retaliated by firing at suspect ed Hizbullah hideouts. Reports from Lebanon said one woman was lightly injured in the barrage.

The attack came a day after troops elashed with Amai gunmen, killing two of them, the army said. It said the soldiers were on patrol in the security zone near the vil-

lage of Kabrikha. UNIFIL peacekeepers recovered the bodies yesterday. Amal admitted that two of its gunmen were killed in a clash with IDF moops

Sharansky: Syria's launched psychological war, Page 12

THE Zameret Committee, appointed by Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy to study the issue of Shabbat road closings, is expected to recommend today that Jerusalem's Rebov Bar-Ilan be closed during prayer times on

The committee, which will issue its recommendations this morning, was set up at the behest of the High Court of Justice, pentioned over Levy's decision to close the thoroughfare during religious services. The comunitize is also expected to recommend that arrangements be made to care for the needs of the secular residents of the city, a recommendation. that is said to imply a call for subsi-dized shared taxi (sheru) service in

Jerusalem on Shabbat. The committee is not expected to present an overall plan for Shabbat road closings in the capital.

During its deliberations many public figures appeared before the committee. Among other findings, it became clear that previous calculations used to recommend the street's closure had greatly underestimated the amount of traffic during prayer

Another recommendation of the committee is to establish a permanent panel under the auspices of the state president to deal with relations between the secular and religious

communities The committee is also to recommend halting subsidized construction in Jerusalem and in contrast encouraging the migration of stronger population groups to the capital. A source on the committee said this recommendation results from fears that the city's population is rapidly becoming over-balanced in favor of haredi communities.

Meanwhile, senior police sources in the capital last night expressed fear the committee's recommendations would not avert continued violent demonstrations on Rehov Bar-Uan.

security forces search for the ter-At Friday's cabinet meeting, Netanyahu had defended the oner-ous roadblocks. "If it saves one ror cell or cells that apparently have infiltrated the country and aim to carry out a mass attack, and playing ioto the terrorists child's life, the country can endure Security sources said last night. traffic jams for a few days." We are constantly reassessing the situation. As it stands now, we Hefetz cautioned that the beefed-up police presence at pubmust continue to implement emergency measures to prevent the ter-rorists from carrying out an attack,"

a senior security source said. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu convened the security establishment last night to discuss the measures being taken, and approved their continued implementation, Israel Television

THE security alert will remain in effect "until further notice" in the

country's three major cities as

reported. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, General Security Service bead Ami Ayaloo, Mossad bead Danny Yatom, Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, and Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz attended the meeting.

Security sources said the roadblocks that caused massive traffic jams, mainly in the center of the country, will continue, as will the beefed-up presence of policemen at shopping malls, bus stations, and other crowded public areas, the sources said.

Netanyahu said he would like to see."more decisive action" to prevent terrorism on the part of the Palestinian Authority.

We expect more from the PA," be said, adding that the PA could have done more to cooperate with Israel even before the incident with the Western Wall Tunnel.

"The safety of people's lives has priority over the quality of life and I'm sure citizens can understand

BILL HUTMAN and RAINE MARCUS

Security alert

in effect in

three major cities

Roadblocks, major traffic jams

expected to continue

lic places is not a guarantee an attack will be prevented, and that some of the measures being taken were aimed largely at keeping terrorists away from crowded areas where the attacks would be most

There is a big difference whether the explosion is inside or outside the building," he said.

The public is reportedly steering clear of public places, and this is costing the country some NIS 50 million a day, according to Yehoshua Abramovitch of the Manufacturers Association. "The decrease in business is drastic ... and the loss irreversible," he said.

Pupils from communities around Netanya arrived at school three hours late because of the traffic tie-ups, while some factories in the city's industrial zone remained closed because workers could not make it to their jobs, Itim reported.

Egged called for bus passengers to make sure they leave early if they want to make it to where they are going on time. There were serious delays today oo the bus lines into the big cities," Egged spokesman Ron Riemer said.

During the morning, the delays were up to three hours on some Aviv, and Jerusalem areas, Riemer said. Traffic into Tel Aviv from Jerusalem came to a near standstill in the morning from Ben-Gurioo Airport to the eotrance of this report.

the city. Kahalani called on the public to help police by reporting suspimissed criticism that the security establishment was creating panic

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hands by disrupting life. The information must be passed on to the public. There are millions of eyes that can see better than thousands of policemen." he said, "I recommend to the people of Israel to continue as normal, that everyone should go to work. to a place of entertainment, to any place he wants. I would only add that one should keep their eyes open, and be more aware of what's

going on. There is no choice." He said that if a separation fence had been erected in the Greeo Line area, as planned by the previous government, there would be no.

need for the roadblocks. "But this is a political decisioo," said Kahalani after a tour of the southern Sharon, whose moshavim and settlements overlook Arab

Tel Aviv residents working in the city were less affected by traffic jams, since workers arriving from outside the city were being held up at all entrances by road-

Tel Aviv residents called in reports of suspicious people and packages all day long, but according to the city's special operations officer, Asst.-Cmdr. Avi Beo-Hamo, the public is being encouraged to show awareoess and extreme caution.

"It is preferable that the public are than under-cautious." he said. "We prefer to deal with false alarms than to miss a real bomb or terrorist." Botsheva Tsur contributed to

Clinton, Dole mount final push for votes

WASHINGTON (Reuter) --President Bill Clinton and Republican challenger Bob Dole yesterday mounted a frenetic final push for votes, as polls showed the race tighter but still forecast a victory for Clinton in tomorrow's

Republicans, however, seemed in an increasingly strong position to maintain control of both houses of Congress, leaving Clinton with a clouded mandate for his second

Dole, halfway through an unprecedented 96-hour aroundthe-clock campaign blitz, arrived in California after a long night, during which be flew balfway across the country, holding rallies dong the way.

The 73-year-old veteran, defying his years and ignoring the oeed to sleep, addressed supporters in Omaha, Nebraska; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Grand Junction, Colorado; and Las Vegas, Nevada, before making a pre-dawn landing

in San Diego.
The Dole campaign was energized by poll data showing Clintoo's lead narrowing, after weeks during which the president held a double-digit advantage and had seemed headed for a landslide

"We're going to go around the clock," Dole told a cheering crowd in the ballroom of the MGM Grand hotel in Las Vegas. "We can feel the momentum building and it's building all across America."

Although Dole's voice at times showed signs of strain, he continued to campaign enthusiastically. On Saturday, he added new stops to his itinerary, bringing to 19 the number of states on his route. In between nighttime stops, Dole

chatted with reporters oo his campaign plane, and called his staff in Washington at about 3 a.m. to provide a word of encouragement as

they, too, worked around the clock.
"You're young, you can handle it
all right," be said. "We're having a great time. We've only got about 56 more hours to go."

The Reuters daily tracking poll showed Dole within four percentage points of Clinton. ABC had the president 10 points ahead, and Gallup put the president's lead at 13 points.

Individual state polls gave Dole some reason for hope. He was neck-and-neck with Clinton in Georgia and Tennessee, within five points in Ohio, and led Clinton in Nevada - all states Clinton carried in 1992.

A new poll of 400 voters showed Dole trailing Clinton by only five percentage points in California, which carries 54 of the 270 electoral votes needed for victory. The survey's margin of error was five points. Another poll last week put Clinton closer to 20 points ahead in California.

significantly. Republicans pulled ahead in the Reuters poll in the battle for Congress. The Republicans seized control of both houses in 1994 for the first time in 40 years. This year, they have been targets of an all-out assault by Democrats and their labor union allies.

Most analysts now expect the Republicans to hold their own or even increase their majority in the Senate, and to hold their losses in the House to a relatively small number.

Clintoo aides said he remains confident of his own victory and plans to strike a high-minded tone in the last hours of the campaign. He began the day at a black church in Tampa and later met with the mayor of St. Petersburg,

Florida, scene of a riot last month after police shot a black youth. Clinton said the choice before the voters is whether to build the natioo's future on the "shifting sands of division or the strong rock

of common ground." In addition to Florida. Clinton's schedule yesterday included New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire, where many of the stops are designed more to help congressional candidates than himself.

After California, Dole was to head to Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee, and lowa today.

Dole said intends to finish his tomorrow campaign Independence, Missouri, the hometown of Harry Truman, who came from behind to win the 1948 presidential race.



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Rifkind appeals to Israel, PA to resolve impasse on Hebron

British Malcolm Foreign Rifkind appealed yesterday to Israel and the Palestinian Authority to resolve the impasse oo Hebron redeployment. He underscored his call by making an unscheduled

visit to the city.

Meanwhile, officials say that Rifkind conveyed an invitation to President Ezer Weizman to make the first state visit to Britain by an Israeli president. Weizman would be hosted by Queen Elizabeth II. Officials said an exact date has not yet been scheduled, but the visit could occur as soon as February. Standing alongside Foreign Minister David Levy after their talks, Rifkind told reporters, "there is a real prospect for agreement on Hebron over the near future but that will require both sides to address these matters in an inspired way that recognizes

After meeting Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe, Rifkind said, Success in these efforts to redeploy in Hebron will be the key which unlocks the lack of progress

the great prizes to be won.'

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

"I think Hebron has become crucial to whether there is a future for the peace process. Without Hebron, it is rhetoric. With Hebron, it begins to look for real."

Last night, Rifkind held talks

with PA leader Yasser Arafat. In separate meetings with Rifkind, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Levy squarely blamed Arafat for the failure to wrap up the Hebron deal.

During his stay in Hebron, Rifkind also reiterated Britain's traditional position on settlements, terming all Jewish settlement activity in the territories as "illegal and should not continue." He also said, "we believe the possibility of a Palestinian state cannot be excluded."

While in Hebron, Rifkind also called for Israel to further ease the closure so as to improve the

In talks with Levy, the British foreign secretary also complained about the Israeli road checks of UNRWA workers, some of whom are British citizens. However, Levy said Israel must be vigilant about security checks due to threats of terrorism. Participants in the meeting said Rifkind voiced support for a Palestinian airport

and port in Gaza. Sources said Rifkind proposed a European-Israeli panel which would seek ways to improve the Palestinian economy.

Rifkind's focus on economics stood in contrast to French President Jacques Chirac's vocal efforts during a recent visit to obtain a greater European political role in the Middle East peace

Rifkind, like Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, also refrained from visiting Orient House in eastern Jerusalem. He is expected to leave today to the United Arab Emirates, and continue on to Yemen, before returning



Foreign Minister David Levy (right) extends a welcoming hand to visiting British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind at their press conference yesterday in Jerusalem.

to protest gov't settlement policy

SETTLEMENT leaders decided yesterday to stage a three-day vigil in front of the Prime Minister's Office, starting tomorrow, to actively protest the government's settle-

Peace Now, however, dismissed this as an "act," perhaps even orchestrated with the Prime Minister's Office, designed to cast 'Netanyahu as a "moderate.'

"I wish that this were so," countered pening on the ground."

Aharon Domh, general-secretary of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. "But this is not the case. This government is great when it comes to words, but does nothing when it comes to deeds. We don't see anything hap-

Domh said that the protest is against the "cootinued freeze in the settlements, despite all the headlines and promises, and also against plans to turn over property owned hy Jews massacred in Hebron in 1929 to the Palestinian Authority. In addition to calling for the vigil, the

ious organizations it set up around the country that spearheaded protests against the Oslo accords under the Labor govern-Peace Now spokesman Alon Amon dis-

council also decided to reestablish the var-

missed the council's plans for demonstrations as an "act. The goal is simply to represent the Netanyahu government as being moderate, to show that it is in the center."

Palestinians claim settlers torched their home

SETTLERS torcbed · Palestinian home just outside of Kiryat Arba before dawn yesterday, badly damaging the struc-sture and lightly injuring four family members, a family mem-

· Judea and Samaria Police spokesman Boaz Goldeoberg said the fire was being investigated, hut as of yesterday evening there were oo concrete findings as to the cause.

: "At around 1:30 a.m. I heard a ooise outside, and went to see what it was; hut I didn't see anything," said Shakher Dana; whose father's and brother's home next door to his was . Local Palestinian residents and

BILL HUTMAN

er's wife ran over, calling out, Shakher, Shakher, the settlers

The woman said she heard someone hreak a window and throw something inside, apparently flammable liquid, Dana

settlers running back toward Kiryat Arba, and one of them said in Hebrew, 'Let's get out of here fast," he said.

and damaged the others with allegedly attacked by settlers. "A few minutes later my broth-

have set our house on fire," " he

"She told me she saw several

fire-fighters brought the blaze under control, but not before it destroyed one room in the house,

Four family members, includ-ing Dana's 60-year-old father, were lightly injured from smoke inhalatioo, Dana said.

Dana described the home as being "only a couple of meters from the fence around Kiryat Arba ... We have had problems for years with the settlers of Kiryat Arba ...

They sometimes throw stones at us, and petrol bombs. A couple of years ago they shot at our home. We want to live in peace, but look how they treat us."

Sharon predicts big settlement expansion

TOURING Indea and Samaria yesterday, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharoo proclaimed that there is plenty of room for more Jewish settlers.

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There is enough land here to huild 10,000 or 11,000 apartments." he told residents of Kiryat Sefer, where he was greeted by flag-waving children.

Sharoo, who spearheaded past statements. settlemeot efforts, promised a settlement drive is on the way. Army Radio qooted him as saying that the government supports the establishment of a 2,000-unit haredi neighborhood north of Ramallah.

Sharon's tour focused on the central mountain ridge.

In Doley, where about 90 families live. Sharoo told residents: "Don't worry. There is lots of land here. There is no Arab population in the area, I am confident the government's [settlement] policy will be implemented here."...

Settler leaders, angry: over the Hehroo withdrawal plans, seemed gratified hy Sharoo's

"I welcome any pronouncement in favor of settlement," said Aharoo Domb, head of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea. Samaria, and Gaza. But he added: 'Until oow the present government has notapproved coostruction of even one new apartment."

Korman remanded till end of trial

MANSLAUGHTER suspect Nahum Korman yesterday was remanded by the Jerusalem District Court until the end of proceedings against him. Korman, the security officer of the Hadar Betar settlement, is suspected of beating to death Hilmi Shoushi, 11, on October 27.

The indictment states that Korman approached the boy in the village of Husan after suspecting him of throwing stones and hit and kicked him in the head.

As a result of the kick, Shoushi fell onto his back and while he was lying oo the ground Korman put his foot on his neck and hit him on the head with his pistol butt. Shoushi died in hospital of a brain hemorrhage.

: Judge Yehudit Tzur wrote in her remand decision that a prima facic case exists against Korman, citing the evidence given by two Palestinian children who witnessed the beating. Tzur also cited the results of the autopsy, which determined Shoushi's death had resulted from repeated blows and kicks to his neck and head, particularly from Korman's distol butt.

SEVEN Od Yosef Hai yeshiva stu-

dents waiting for transport to

Nablus were arrested after refusing

to identify themselves to police yes-

terday, Judea and Samaria police

spokesman Boaz Goldenberg said.

Six of them were released in the.

Goldenberg said the police were

checking those going on the daily transport to the yeshiva, and arrest-

ed the students after they failed to

"We are apparently dealing with severe and cruel violence, which

Police arrest Nablus yeshiva

IDF guard

students for 'non-cooperation'

testifies to the loss of all restraint and control," the judge wrote.

The fact that Korman holds an

official position constitutes an aggravating circumstance, Tzur continued. "A man who serves in an official capacity is required to display a higher measure of responsibility and restraint, in that he in many cases represents authority to the inhabitants."

. Judge Tzur also wrote that the crime bears a special seriousness, m that "it appears the suspect did not suffice with catching the boy, but apparently took the law into his own hands and continued to beat him, even when the boy was lying on the ground."

Family members who attended the remand hearing protested Korman's innocence and complained to reporters that the court had been influenced by media reports of the case. .

Korman's attorney said his client would appeal the remand decision.

At Husan village, meanwhile, a group of several dozeo rahhis from settlements, kibbutzim, and elsewhere paid a condo on the Shoushi family.

About 10 students are taken from

a meeting point outside Nablus

each day to the site, under heavy

Yehuda Liebman, a spokesman

for the yeshiva, said police were

searching for one particular student,

and - without warrants or permits -

entered a makeshift study hall near

the transport and began searching

whole yeshiva to shut down," he.

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said. "It was absurd."

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Netanyahu defends suspension of Shahor

PRIME Minister Benjamin are talking about an officer - I Netanyahu yesterday rejected criticism of his suspension of Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor as negotiator with the Palestinians on civilian

He said that he personally had. opposed fixing Shahor from the army "until after the investigation into the affair ... The opposition has a right to get up-to-date infor-mation, and I brief them myself from time to time. But this was an exceptional case: an officer who secretly and furtively went to speak to the opposition, without reporting this, at the most sensitive stage of negotiations." In his first public comment on

the affair, Netanyahu said: "We the later was a general.

think this is a unique situation who was making contacts with the

heads of parties secretly." He said Shahor had failed to report to "those authorized" at a time of sensitive negotiations when protecting information was vital to their success.

Netanyahu said the opposition, which reacted harshly to the suspension, had a right to be updated by himself or via other suitable channels. "But here we have a different situation." he said.

Meanwhile, Meretz leader Yossi

Sarid accused Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai of changing his version of their meeting while ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and news agencies

"The meeting between us was very many years ago. True it was when I was a major-general in the army and was on the background of criticism from MK Yossi Sarid regarding our activity during the intifada, mainly to do with human values," Mordechai said.

his house. I told him that in my opinion that factually he was mistaken and the IDF behaved then according to the basic orders, laws and norms of moral values," be the discussion dealt with the Bus 300 episode. "I never exchanged a word on

any other topic, and the meeting was done with the authority and approval, like it should have

Sarid responded by saying he was delighted that the defense minister altered his statement. "Only yesterday he was a brigadier," Israel Radio quoted-

"I received the appropriate Sarid as saying. "And today he is approvals and the meeting was at a major-general. Yesterday, the meeting was at my initiative and dealt with the Bus 300. Today, it was mainly on the intifada. I presume that at this pace we will come to the same versioo in a few

Following Sarid's statement Mordechai's spokesinan Avi Benyahu said that it was never said Mordechai met with Sarid as a brigadier-general and therefore there was no base to Sarid's com-

Mordechai told reporters after visiting IDF troops in south Lebanoo that Shahor held more meetings than those already publicized. But he refused to elaborate.

Shahor, who remains in his role as coordinator of activities in the territories, is reportedly investigating his personnel to discover who leaked his meetings with Labor leaders. Shimon Peres and Yossi Beilin. Batsheva Tsur contributed to this report.

said, adding that a large portion of days time." French said ready to rearm Iraq **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Two pedestrians killed

Adit Mendel, 84, was killed yesterday when she was hit hy a taxi while crossing the street at the corner of Dizengoff and Yermiyahu in Tel Aviv.In Beit She'an, a pedestrian was hit by a car and killed outside the Kitan factory. The man, a former worker at the plant, was declared dead at the scene: Police arrested the driver.

A motorscooter driver, 36, from Herzliya, was seriously injured in a hit-and-run accident on a bridge in Tel Aviv.

Boy, buried in sand, in serious condition A 13-year-old Netanya boy was buried under a huge pile of sand while playing with his friends yesterday. The friends called for help and, with the help of a Magen David Adom team, succeeded in pulling the unconscious boy out. He was taken to Laniado Hospital, but his condition was so serious that he was transferred to the

Hadash faction visits PA council today

Members of the Hadash faction are scheduled to visit Ramallah this afternoon as guests of the Palestinian Legislative Council's high committee chaired by Haider Abdel Shafi. Last month, members of the council visited the Knesset as Hadash's guests. Today's visit is being considered more than just a courtesy call,

however. A Hadash spokesman said the agenda included "trying to create a joint front to prepare for the future."

BRITISH and US intelligence services have discovered that French businessmen have signed mulomillion-dollar contracts which

involve re-equipping Iraq's mili-tary machine in exchange for oil, as soon as sanctions are lifted, according to London's Mail on Sunday newspaper. One of the contracts provide the

French companies Total and Elf Aquitaine with oil rights in southern Iraq, where the second-largest reserves in the world are situated. while another involves the construction of a high-speed rail line from Iraq's Gulf port to Turkey, Georgia, and Russia.

The report also notes that Iraq's Mirage fighters, grounded since the Gulf war because of a lack of spare parts, are again in the air. having apparently been resupplied with the strictly controlled French spare parts, via the Russian mafia. The Conseil National du Patronat

Français, the French equivalent of

the manufacturers' association.

DOUGLAS DAVIS LONDON

confirmed it had taken trade delegations to Iraq in June 1994, February 1995, and April 1996, but it insisted all dealings were strictly within the UN guidelines. The US and Britain are now con-

ducting "quiet diplomatic talks" to search for a new approach that might stop, or at least slow down, the French deal-making. In another report, a network of British companies was accused of

circumventing international trade

sanctions to deliver millions of

dollars worth of equipment to the Libyan armed forces. One of the most serious of the alleged breaches involved the electronics giant Philips in a £45 million contract for the supply of radio communications equipment and other material sent to Tripoli in

Engineers at Philips allege that

officials at British Customs and at the Department of Trade and Industry were misled into believing the equipment was intended for "maritime safety," while the project was, in fact, commissioned by Libya's military procurement division to npdate communications with Libya's fleet in the Gulf of

One British engineer who worked on the project was quoted in the London Sunday Times as saying: "We were instructed not to discuss the work with anyone and certainly to not mendon that the equipment had come from Philips or that the antennae were for use by the Libyan navy."

A spokesman for Philips was quoted by the newspaper as saying that the material was for marine safety and that the Department of Trade and Industry had approved of the export.

"But if it was used for military purposes," he said, "Philips has been misled."

afternoon.

Regretfully announces the cancellation of the November 7 lecture by Rev. Dr. Michael Prior. The next scheduled lecture will take place on Thursday, November 21, 3:45 p.m.

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Arafat says Egypt hoping to clinch Hebron deal

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday that Egypt is trying to close a deal between the PA and Israel on a partial pullout from Hebron.

Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus.

. There are some Egyptian efforts concerning

asked if a deal could be signed at the Middle East economic conference in Cairo scheduled for November 12.

PA officials said their leadership would like to sign an agreement in Cairo. We have to PA officials said Egy this issue," Arafat told reporters in Gaza, when reach agreement first," PA negotiator Hassan

Arafat sent oegotiators Saeb Erekat and Asfour to Cairo on Saturday to report to the

April and May 1992.

PA officials said Egypt offered to help nar-

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Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday accepts the report on the long school day from Prof. Haim Adler (right), as Education Minister Zevulun Hammer ponders its implications. (Issac Harari)

Netanyahu: Long school day will narrow income gap

BATSHEVA TSUR

ISRAEL has the world's widest gap between the top and the bottom echelons of income earners, and the new long-school-day plan is a weapon to combat this, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said

There is no other way to prevent the creation of two nations," Netanyahu said at the presentation of the Adler Committee's recommendations on introducing the long school day. "This is the first step towards closing the gaps." Education is as important as security and requires similar budgets, Netanyahn continued, "otherwise our society will pay far more in

social terms in the long run."
The committee headed by Prof. Haim Adler was appointed under former education minister Amnon Rubinstein, but took close to two, years to complete its work,

This is a revolution," Netanyahn said. "Some 15% of the weakest pupils up to ninth grade - 100,000 children - will have the opportuniic year, he said.

Adler said the new program aims to help weak students catch up with the very best pupils in the class. "This will have a positive effect by letting the entire class move ahead faster," he said.

Committee member Dr. Ya'acov Kopf said that two years of experiments with the new program had preceded the recommendations and had already met with success. In Ofakim, for example, the number of pupils taking matriculation

A recent survey of the Upper

because metal gratings have

Galilee found that most of the bats

were in quite good condition, large-

coming January and is to be expanded in the following academ-(bagrut) exams had doubled. Nature groups want to save bats from people

DONT go into caves where insecteating bats are likely to be hibernating this winter, the Nature Reserves Authority and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel said yesterday, in a move aimed at protecting the bats.

There are more than a dozen such caves around the country, in the Golan, Galilee, Carmel, Samaria, Judean Hills, coastal region, and Negev. The best known are the JUDY SIEGEL

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Cave, Nahal Dalia Cave and the old copper mines in the Eilat hills. Lists of caves that are closed to people

are available at both organizations. Entering the cave with flashlights and making a tunnelt will wake up the bats, causing them to burn up fat reserves they need for the winter and make some of them likely. to die of hunger.

There are 31 identified species of insect-eating bats in Israel, more than the oumber of species in all of Europe. They are protected by law here, but still at risk of extinction because of their sensitivity to dis-

ty to work, in groups of about three,

said they would receive about two

hours of extra study and help with

their homework, four times a week.

in some isolated Arab village

should not have the same educa-

tional opportunities as my chil-

A pilot program will begin this

dren," Netanyahu added.

"There is no reason why children

With increasing urbanization and the paving over of nature areas, there are fewer places for

turbances and insecticides.

been put on the entrances to caves, letting in the bats - but not people.

save her life.

Abrebet Surafel-Yibarken, 34, was due to land at Ben-Gurioo

Airport at midnight, accompanied by Dr Richard Hodes, the physician working for the Jewish American Distribution Committee that cares for the Falash Mura gathered in the Ethiopian capital.

JUDY SIEGEL

Hanegbi said be hopes 150 to 200 more kidneys and other

organ parts would be donated

each year as a result of the change in the decade-old regula-

tions, which he termed "anachro-

Several weeks ago, a ministry-

appointed committee sent to the

Justice Ministry and police a

report on alleged sales of kidneys by impoverished Palestinians for

transplant into wealthy Israelis

and foreigners. Prof. Zaki Shapira of the Rabin Medical Ceoter-Beilinson Campus,

accused of engaging in this prac-tice, has been barred from per-

forming live-donor organ trans-

The health minister has been

meeting in recent weeks with

plants until his case is decided.

Campus,

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for transplant

Rules eased for

donating organs

FROM oow on, living relatives other than parents, children, and siblings will be able to donate an only about 160 such operations organ or even part of an organ to were performed last year. Asked a patient who needs a transplant. whether he himself is registered This decision was taken yesterday by Health Minister Tzahi as a potential organ donor, Haneghi said he is not, "because I Hanegbi on the basis of a recommendation by the ministry's Supreme Helsinki Committee on didn't know anything about the subject. But now that I do I will sign up with the ADI organization human experimentation.
Since 1986, only a would-be forms are attached to all driver's

recipient's first-degree relatives were allowed to donate a kidney: oow spouses, grandpareots, uncles, and aunts, grandchildren, and cousins will be able to do so. In addition, the minister decided to carry out a plan approved in principle by his predecessor, Ephraim Sneh, to permit relatives to donate a lobe of their lung or liver to a relative who needs it. Uotil now, such operations have

had to be performed abroad. Haneghi said the possibility of allowing an individual who is unrelated to a patient to donate an organ would be considered, if the Supreme Helsinki Committee is satisfied that the cootrol and supervision system is watertight and able to prevent abuses, such as the sale of organs.

At present, some 1,000 Israelis are waiting for a kidney donation:

their support for organ donations, especially by expanding the ournber of people carrying donor cards and encouraging families to donate the organs of their deceased loved ones.

He would not name any of those he consulted or say exactly

what they had told him. Bot he admitted that there is "much suspicion, even trauma, among the religious leaders, due to fear that organs woold be removed before patients had

A list of physicians trusted by the rabbis would be drawn up at each hospital, and these would be consulted to determine the moment of death to allow organ donations, Hanegbi said.

Asked whether prominent rab-bis - and physicians - would be asked to obtain donor cards and publicize that fact as an example to the public, Hanegbi said the idea had oot yet been discussed.

Members of the Supreme Helsinki Committee include senior physicians in public hospitals, leaders of the Israel Medical Association, a Hebrew University Catholie philosopher, a law faculty bead, a Chief Rabbinate represcotative, a senior Moslem kadi, and Health Ministry officials.

Orthodox and haredi rabbis to get Seriously ill Falash Mura woman flown here for treatment

A YOUNG mother of two, whose health had severely deteriorated in the Falash Mura compound in Addis Ababa, was being flown to Israel last night in an attempt to

Joint

Hodes discovered her in serious condition with tuberculosis last week in the compound. After it became clear that her life could **BATSHEVA TSUR**

oot be saved in an Ethiopian hospital, be approached the Jewish Agency to make arrangements for her transfer to Israel.

In Jerusalem, the Interior Ministry granted ber and her family visas to enter the country and she was due to come on the next immigrants' flight oo November 11. But, at week's cod, the doctor said she might not live that long, and it was decided to mount an emergency

With no direct flights between Addis Ababa and Israel, the

rescue operation.

woman was yesterday afternooo flown out by Ethiopian Airways to Cairo, accompanied by Hodes. A representative of the Israel Embassy was due to meet them in Cairo to make any necessary

arrangements. In Cairo, she was doe to be transferred to an El Al flight leaving for Ben-Gurion Airport. There, an ambulance was on

hand to take her to the hospital. Surafel-Yibarken's six-yearold son and 18-month-old baby will arrive in Israel together with their father and other family members on next week's direct flight with the other Falash Mura newcomers:

Alma, Oranit, Rakefet, the Twins Court censures Ben-Yair over plea bargain

THE High Court of Justice yester- est made him unfit to continue Sderot city council, attorney Yosef day censured a decision by serving as mayor. In return, Boskila Pinhas Cohen: Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair not to ask the courts to declare benefits be reaped from making that charges for which Sderot decisions on a planning and building commission, and would thus be

trial constitute public impropriety. Ben-Yair agreed as part of a plea bargain with Boskila not to ask. Ashkeloo Magistrate's Court to declare that the charges of fraud, breach of trust and conflict of inter-

Lubelsky takes adviser post with Kahalani **BILL HUTMAN**

FORMER Labor MK Masha Lubelsky yesterday took office as adviser on the status of women and the prevention of family violence to Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, despite criticism from within the police force that the appointment was political

and unnecessary.

Some police circles described the new post as redundant because the issue of family violence is already dealt with elsewhere in the police force.

Police sources noted that Kahalani was a Labor MK before he formed the Third Way Party. and believed the appointment was related to his continued connections with Labor.

Ministry spokesman Rafi Levy said the appointment of Lubelsky showed Kahalani was serious about improving the authorities' handling of family violence.
"Lubelsky has much experience in running educational institutions and more than 10 years served as head of [the women's group] Na'amat," Levy said in a stateconfessed to the charges, relating to

allowed to continue in his post.

However, Judges Mishael
Cheshin, Yitzhak Zamir and Dalia Dorner decided not to interfere with Ben-Yair's decision and

The judges said it was impossible to undo what had been done, since Boskila had already confessed to the charges as part of the plea bar-

In his ruling, Cheshin said that Ben-Yair should have been guided in his decision by considering whether it was proper for Boskila rejected a petition by a member of to lead the community. (liim) MEVISIN BRIEF

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Refugees flee from Goma

GISENYI, Rwanda

IN the shadow of the towering ML Nyiragongo volcano, a seemingly endless line of refugees vesterday trudged northward from the Zairean city of Goma to escape the advance of Zaire's Tutsi rebels and their Rwandan allies.

From a hillside on the Rwanda side of the border, it was impossible to see a beginning or end to the stream of humanity heading past the once teeming Kibumba refugee camp in the valley below.

A lone Rwandan guard refused to allow reporters to cross into Zaire at the dirt track Mutova border post 30 km. north of Gisenyi.

He muttered that the camp below was filled with dead Zairean soldiers and Interhamwe, the Rwandan Hutu militiamen who fled to Zaire after killing some 500,000 Tutsis in Rwanda in 1994. It was impossible to verify his claim from the Rwandan side of the border.

The refugees, clutching bundles of meager belongings, headed up the valley road past the active volcano and towards the refugee camp at Katale some 40 km. further north, or the town of Rutsburu 15 km.

There were rumors Rutshuru had already fallen to the Tutsi rebels in their victorious sweep along Zaire's eastern border. If so, the refugees may try to join some 20,000 who have already crossed from Zaire into

TEHERAN (AP) - Thousands of

Iranians marched to the former US

Embassy yesterday, burning

American flags and chanting

"Death to America" to mark the

17th anniversary of the seizure of

the Americans hatched their plots

against our nation," Parliament

Speaker Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri told

Nateq-Nouri was interrupted not

only with anti-American chants but

cries of "death to Israel" from the

crowd of about 10,000 men women

"Our youth, the future of this

country, understand that the struggle

against America must continue,"

said the hard-line Nateq-Nouri, who

is widely expected to succeed

President Hashemi Rafsanjani in

against us," he said, quoting a favorite phrase of Iran's late revolu-

tionary leader, Ayatollah Rubollah

He said that the US had failed to

Minister John Major's majority

in parliament was cut to just one scat yesterday, when it was announced that Conservetive

The death raised the prospect

of Major heading a minority

Conservatives lose Porter's

Wirral South constituency in a

by-election and the opposition

Labor Party retains a seat in

MP Barry Porter had died.

government

"America can't do a damn thing

elections this summer.

a rally outside the embassy.

This was the nest of spies where

the compound.

and children.

Iranians mark anniversary

of US Embassy seizure

Uganda still further north.

The fighting between the Tutsi rebels and Zairean troops that flared last month has scattered more than 1 million refugees. The last international aid workers fled the shooting Saturday, leaving the displaced masses with barely a week's rations and no medical assistance.

We have a hyper-emergency. There could be a bloodbath, high mortality," said Jacques de Milliano, vice-president of the international medical aid agency Doctors Without

Speaking from the Rwandan capital of Kigali, de Milliano appealed for western governments to inter-vene to set up safe zones for the refugees and to disarm any fighters that may seek to hide among civilians in flight.

The French government said European nations are preparing to send in food, medical supplies, and

These people are exposed. They have no food and there is fighting. Humanitarian Action Minister Xavier Emmanuelli said in Paris. There must absolutely be a way found to intervene."

But there is no easy way to get the aid in. The region's humanitarian lifeline, Goma airport, was closed by the fighting. Rwanda's military spokesman said Saturday the airport was in rebel hands.

ate, he said, referring to European objections to tightened US sanctions

The US severed ties with Iran in

1980 after the embassy seizure in

which militant students held 52

Outside the embassy compound in

downtown Teheran, marchers

doused American flags with gaso-

line and set them aflame. The

solashing fuel also splashing fuel

briefly set ablaze the bald head of

protester Zabihollah Bakhshi, who

quickly snuffed out the fire with a

"No. I'm not angry. I'm just angry

at America. I hate America," said

Bakhshi, who was not seriously hurt

and continued to denounce the

The takeover of the embassy on

November 3, 1978, has become a

traditional day of protest. This year

the state-run gas company gave out flags saying "Death to USA" on one

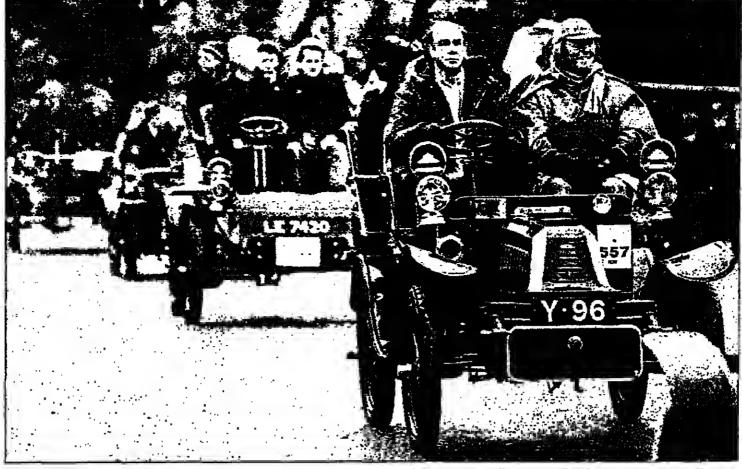
side and urging citizens to "econo-

mize on gas" on the other.

"Great Satan."

Americans hostage for 444 days.

imposed earlier this year.



Lord Worksop (right) sets off in his 1904 De Dion Bouton at the start of the centenary London to Brighton veteran car rally yesterday. The rally celebrates the passing into law of the 1896 Locomotives on Highways Act which permitted vehicles to travel at speeds of up to 14 mph and abolished the need for a footman to carry a red flag in front of the moving car.

Clinton faces foreign policy challenges if elected

WITH four years behind him. President Bill Clinion is expected to bring new focus and maybe new initiatives to US foreign policy if he

Although foreign policy had little impact on the 1996 election, it looms large for the next US leader, who faces major challenges like China, Russia, Bosnia, and sharply reduced funding for dipiomacy.

The Center for Strategic and International Studies set the stakes in a new report. "More than any time in its past, the United States is strongly positioned to influence the kind of world it would like to see unfold."

Clinion has not laid out a comprehensive foreign policy strategy for a second four-year term - and apathetic voters and Republican rival Bob Dole have not forced him to do so.

But recent speeches by Clinton and aides, plus interviews with senior officials, provide an idea, albeit incomplete, of what to expect from him in foreign affairs in a second term. A foreign policy novice when first elected in

1992. Clinton now is more confident. Like many presidents, he wants to leave a respectable legacy in this area on departing the White House. With foreign policy spending down 51 percent

since 1984, the State Department faces a funding crisis, and officials say Clinton will make that an early priority. "I think you'll see very soon after the election,

if the president is reelected, a big push and a kind of challenge issued to the new Congress even before it gets here, because we feel we're cutting into bone," one official told Reuters.

The Ministry of Education sponsored a contest awarding gold coins, Another official talked of moving funds from harm fran or its Islamic revolution. cameras, and library memberships the Pentagon to the State Department so as not to US sanctions failed because to children for the best antihave to add to the overall federal budget and dis-Washington's allies did not cooper- American propaganda. rupt the trend toward lower deficits.

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Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who is expected to leave office even if Clinton is reelected, told West Point cadets recently: "We cannot sustain diplomacy on the cheap."

"Failure to maintain diplomatic readiness will inevitably shift the burden to America's military," he said. "But if we rely on our military strength alone, we will end up using our military all the time at too high a cost in lives and dol-

US officials believe Chinese President Jiang Zemin is consolidating power. But there remains uncertainty about what will happen in the country after ailing Deng Xiaoping, the supreme leader, dies, after Hong Kong is renamed to Beijing's control and if tensions with Taiwan again reignite.

The administration has begun rebuilding rela-

tions with China, which Americans consider among the most critical countries in the next century and which had been rocked by bilateral disputes over trade, arms sales, and buman rights.

Christopher visits Beijing in two weeks hoping to lay more ground for better ties under which the two countries can discuss differences without causing rupture. Clinton officials see little chance of a return to more focus on human Russia is also viewed as a major challenge,

especially given the Kremlin power struggle in the runup to President Boris Yeltsin' heart

In a recent speech, Deputy Secretary of State doubts about US intentions toward Russia, that Japan.

reconciliation.

Clinton will not do anything to jeopardize ties with Yeltsin, finding him a democratic ally, and officials are confident that if Yeltsin is no longer president they have sufficient relations with other Russian officials to keep the relationship

The Mideast peace process Christopher worked so hard on is in disarray. Israel-Syria. talks show no signs of early revival and Israel-

You will ... after some period of reflection see an intensification of the effort to bring peace to the Middle East," but chances of a comprehensive deal are low, one official said. US negotiator Dennis Ross is well-regarded by the Clinton team and will not be asked to leave his post.

Some officials predict the president will play a more directly active role in foreign policy than

Congress to back his commitment to bring new members into NATO by 1999. Moves to bring 'demotracy to Bosnia and Haiti must be advanced.

US officials say Clinton will continue a dualcontainment policy against Iraq and Iran, seeing no opening for dialogue. US-mediated talks between rival Kurdish factions in northern Iraq are going better than expected and Clinton will be working to reestablish a safe haven in that

Clinton is also expected to pursue a transatlantic partnership with Europe, light new fire Strobe Taibott was blunt about growing US fears under the NAFTA trade accord and the Summit that Moscow's foreign policy elite harbors of the Americas, and work to strengthen ties with

could rupture post-Cold War cooperation and

Palestinian talks are at an impasse.

Clinton is likely to have a struggle persuading

Ceausescu fondly recalled in his home town

SCORNICESTI, (Reuter) - Had he lived, Romania's dictator Nicolae Ceausescu would have been an election favorite in his home town, which prospered under his rule and finds democracy a poor substitute for communism.

"It's a pity Ceausescu is not alive. I would've voted for bini," said Constantin Militaru, 68, after he cast his ballot yesterday in Romania's third general election of the post-communist era. 'And many others would do the

Many residents of Scornicesti had cause to bless Ceausescuwhen he was alive. They were never hit by the shortages of food or consumer goods which plagued the rest of Romania and led to the 1989 revolution and Ceausescu's Christmas Day exe-

Seven years after the downfall of the native son who brought wealth to the town but impoverished a nation, many in Scornicesti have found the switch to a market economy bitter.

"I bought these shoes during Ceausescu's times. Now I can't afford to buy new ones," Costel Nicolae said, pointing to his

woro-out footwear. Nicolae, 36, a tractor driver at the local state-run farm macbinery factory, said he had not been paid for four months. "I will vote for the Socialist

Labor Party. They seem more serious." Nicolae said, referring to the direct political descendants of Ceausescu's Communist Party. Capitalism has not brought

great wealth to most Romanians. The average monthly wage is below \$100, prices are soaring, and international observers say the economy is badly run. In Scornicesti, the once unheard of scourge of unemploy-

ment has bit the settlement of 7,500, with several hundred now dependent on farming their small holdings to keep their families in Militaru said several presiden-

tial candidates, including faith. healer Constantin Mudava, campaigned in the town, 150 km. west of Bucharest

"All of them have promised a better life, but I can't trust them. Mudava promised to charge us with healing energy, but I just caught a cold," said Militaru.

Signs of decay are everywhere in Scornicesti. Potholes litter the tive bothouses lie in pieces. Near the town ball, cows drink rainwater from a pothole, oblivious to

the passing cars.
The skyline is marred by the concrete skeletons of unfinished apartment blocks begun under Ceausescu as part of his plan to turn Scomicesti and other vil-

lages into "agro-industrial complexes." Such forced development has given Scomicesti redundant factories and a soccer stadium that

seats double its population. The only signs of wealth are a few newly-built villas owned by Scornicesti's nouveaux-riches, sitting incongruously beside the

whitewashed peasant homes. Occasional tourists pay Elena Barbulescu, Ceausescu's sister, 500 lei (20 cents) to visit the three-room house where

Ceausescu spent his early years. A framed picture of the "Conducator" (leader) hangs above the simple wooden bed where he was born in 1918.

Barbulescu has opened a small private shop opposite Ceausescu's old home, in defiance of her late brother's tough stand against private initiative, and turned part of its yard into a warehouse to store empty bottles. "If he were alive now, Ceausescu would have sbot many

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MP's death imperils Major's parliament majority

Porter, who had held his seat since 1983, won a majority of 8,183 votes over Labor at the 1992 general election. But far bigger majorities have been surrendered by the Conservatives during the course of the present parliament.

The other vacancy, also following the death of the sitting MP, is at Barnsley East, where Labor had a massive 24,777 vote majority in 1992.

By-election losses and the defection of three of its MPs to opposition parties have gradually whittled away the Conservative majority, which stood at 21 seats immediately after the last election.

ly despite a 1992 election manifesto pledge not to do so, from embarrassing internal splits over European policy, and from allegations of sleaze against prominent members.

Labor, under its moderate leader Tony Blair, currently holds a lead of more than 20 points in most opinion polls more than enough to gain Wirral South.

But Major believes that a buoyant economy will help him . to win voters back to the Conservatives, provided that be can soldier on until close to the latest possible date for a general election - May 22, 1997.

Even if Major loses his over-

all parliamentary majority, he may be able to stay in office. relying on the support of small parties such as the nine-strong The ruling party has suffered from having raised taxes short-Official Ulster Unionists, whose main policy plank is that Northern Ireland must remain

Yugoslavia, Bulgaria hold elections

BELGRADE Yugoslavia yesterday held its first elections since the Dayton accords brought peace to Bosnia and political analysts forecast that Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic's coalition would triumpb over opposition parties.

Voters also went to the polls to elect a president in Bulgaria, where opinion surveys have given Petar Stoyanov a big lead over his opponent, Culture Minister Ivan Marazov, of the ruling Socialist

Bulgaria's post-communist parliament chose Zhelyu Zhelev as president in 1990 and two years later he won a five-year mandate in a nationwide election. But Zhelev, the first freely elected head of state in Bulgaria's 1,300-year history, had to withdraw from this year's presidential contest after losing Europe's first US-style primary election in June to Stoyanov, an

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Under Bulgaria's post-communist constitution, the president's powers are largely ceremonial but that has never stopped Zhelev from wading into the political fray. He has wielded his presidential

veto frequently, using the Constitutional Court to help him block what he sees as the current government's attempts to curb media freedom and restrict private ownership of land. Zhelev is not even on speaking

terms with Prime Minister Zhan Videnov, whom he has accused of restoring totalitarian methods of

In Yugoslavia, the opposition coalition at one point threatened to boycott the elections but relented after the authorities appointed their representatives to electoral commissions. Official results were not due

before Thursday, but unofficial returns early in the week were likely to indicate the outcome. Milosevic, blamed by the West

for plunging old Yugoslavia into conflict, now presents himself as a man of peace and his ruling and by divisions within its own alliance of the Socialists and two

other parties made no campaign mention of the wars in Bosnia and At polling stations, voters voiced only bitterness about an election

which they believed would change nothing. "We will live like this all our lives if these people remain in power," said Dragan, 40, an elec-

trician with an unemployed wife and teenage daughter. "With these authorities, there can be no revival of the economy or progress." A year of peace and the end of a UN trade embargo has failed to bring economic relief to a country which once enjoyed the highest

standard of living in Eastern Almost a third of the population now lives in poverty, according to

a Red Cross survey. The opposition Zajedno (Together) coalition, which attracted large crowds at rallies across the country, tried to capitalize on widespread discontent over the

troubled economy.

But the coalidon was hampered because the state media ignored it

dead and brought things to order in this country," Militaru said.

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The young and the spineless

The Jerusalem Post Monday, November 4, 1996

ADINA HOFFMAN

THE PALLBEARER

Directed by Matt Reeves. Screenplay by Jason Katims and Matt Reeves. Hebrew life: Al haverim velevaya ahat. 97 minutes. English dishocus. Hebrew subtitles. Parental antidance

With David Schwimmer, Gwyneth Paltrow, Barbara Hershey, Carol Kane, Michael Rapaport and Toni Collette.

AVID Schwimmer has the long, drooping features of a lonely cocker spaniel, and throughout the new Generation-X comedy, The Pallbearer, his response to most jokes is exactly the same: stupefaction. No matter what happens to Tom Thompson, the poor schmuck he's playing, Schwimmer stands awkwardly and stares straight ahead with that baffled look oo his face - his lips slightly parted, his gaze vague, shoulders slouched. Anti-hero is far too emphatic and vigorous a term for this unemployed 25-yearold. Tom is more like the big black

hole into which the entire film Half-child, half-man, Tom lives alone with his batty mother (Carol Kane) and has oo apparent will of his own. The action, such as it is, all derives from this rather sad state of affairs, which director

Man Reeves and his co-writer Jason Katims seem to find quite

Circumstance keeps prodding Tom forward the central gag involves a mix-up in which he is mistaken for the best friend of a young stranger who has just killed himself. The dead man's bleached-blonde mom (Barbara Hershey) calls Tom, weeping, and asks him to be a palibearer at the funeral; Tom doesn't have the heart or the nerve to admit that he never met her son and, before you can say "spineless wimp." has agreed to deliver the eulogy.

Soon enough, he's sleeping with her too (she seduces him, of course), at the same time that he bungles his way miserably through a flirtation with a pretty high-school crush, Julie DeMarco (the endearing Gwyneth Paltrow), who has just wandered back into town and also seems quite lost.

Aimlessness is everywhere in The Pallbearer - oot just in the characters, but in the plot and dialogue, which weave around in search of a cogent tack, a means of bringing the rather contrived simation to a plausible, meaningful

While it's funny to watch Tom fumbling and screwing up for a little while, his manner becomes oppressive - even painful - in the



David Schwimmer (right) brings a wimpish presence to "The Pallbearer."

long run. His masochism stretches past the usual realm of coming-ofage confusion, and extends into territory a good deal bleaker, more ominous and beyond the control of the first-time filmmakers. Clearly, Reeves and Karims believe that they've created an emolematic character in Tom, something along the Zeitgeist-defining lines of Dustin Hoffman's Benjamin Braddock in The Graduate. who

was also young, also lost and also

sleeping with an older woman. But The Graduate, as I remember it, was more than a clever ode to youthful catatonia; it marked a giddy tossing-off of an earlier gen-eration's mores and a seizing-onto something else. It had energy. Awkward and sensitive at once, Beojamin might not have known exactly where he was headed, but he was passionate in his search. and the film gained mnmentum from his truth-seeking curiosity.

Tom, on the other hand, is numb to the world around him, beaten down hy it, maybe even a little stupid. His thick, inertial presence doesn't inspire one to do much of anything, except perhaps dawdle in bed.

So while The Pallbearer may indeed represent accurately just haw lousy it feels to be young and wishy-washy in America today. it's unpleasant to watch for the same reason.

IBA given vote of confidence

GREER FAY CASHMAN

THE debate as to whether or not a commy should have a nuhlic broadcasting service is one that periodically resurfaces both here and abroad. Those who champion it argue

that there must be a hroadcasting service which is independent of the concerns of advertisers, sponsors and other special-interest groups.

Those who are against it say that it has no place in a competitive market which is sufficiently stocked with program choices to sanisfy every possible taste.

Public broadcasting, commer-cial and cable television were discussed at length last week at a seminar organized in Tel Aviv hy the Israel Information Center.

No one actually spoke out against public broadcasting (i.e the Israel Broadcasting Authority and Educational Television), but at least one speaker queried the educational content of ETV programming and another wanted to know why he should have to finance Channel 1's battle in the ratings war with Channel 2.

Dr. Dan Caspi of the Open University, who is in favor of public broadcasting hut opposed to the politicization of the stateowned IBA, declared that in order to avoid politicization, politicians should not be allowed to have any say on IBA tenders.

Professor Ze'ev Segal of Tel the public.

Aviv University suggested that the supervisory boards of the IBA be composed solely of media professionals.

Several speakers made the point that news broadcasts on Channel I do not suffer from the possible conflict of interests that could affect those on commercial television, to which Professor Gideon Doron, chairman of the Second Channel Council, responded that even Channel 1 is suspect io this regard, since the IBA is not a direct recipient of license-fee revenues, but receives its hudget from the Treasury, which could technically withhold moneys if it were dissatisfied with the way the IBA is operating. Io a sense, he noted, the Treasury can dictate

While agreeing with his col-leagues that the IBA should be supervised by media profession-als, Doron was not sure if the 15member public council, which he heads, really represents the public. If he had the chance to select the council members, he said with disarming candor, he would not necessarily pick any of those currently on the council, "but I wouldn't necessarily pick myself either."

Dr. Amit Shechter, legal counsel to the IBA, stressed the impurtance of providing a platform to serve minority interests and making popular events accessible to

Cinematheque remembers Rabin

TOM GROSS

Rabin, the Jerusalem Cinematheque is screening a program of films about war and assassinatioo, including Fred Zinnemann's The Day of the Jackal (about a plot to kill Charles de Gaulle), and Oliver Stone's

The highlight will be British director Ken Loach's 1995 film about the Spanish Civil War, Land and Freedom. Loach is known for his stark, socially conscious films, many of which incorporate his leftist principles.

because we don't know of any Israel, but in a broader perspec-israeli dramas suitable for the tive," said Prof. Sternhell. "How because we don't know of any occasion," says Cinematheque director Lia van Leer, whose hus- national unity are precisely those verge of a civil war here.

O mark the anniversary of band Wim fought in the Spanish the murder of Yitzbak Civil War. "I'm very concerned Civil War. "I'm very concerned about the deep rift in this country. Instead of dialogue there is hatred and yelling and shouting in the name of ideology."

While the Cinematheque says

the evening is intended to be commemorative rather than educational, Ze'ev Sternhell, one of the Hebrew University's most eminent professors, will lecture (in Hebrew) on "The Morphology of the Right: From Demand to Unity, to a Threat of Civil War," preceding the film, at 9 p.m.

I will be speaking on the nature "We've chosen foreign films of the extreme right, not only in movements that claim to promote



Kevin Costner in 'JFK.'

that have begun civil wars in other countries and could bring us to the

Man of many horns brings fire from Chicago

NORM GUTHARTZ

RA Sullivan doesn't get around much anymore. The horn player, who spent his musically formative years in Chicago, is known for staying close to his home in Miami. He makes annual pilgrimages to gig in the Windy City, his spiritual home, and did some intensive touring in the early 1980s with trumpeter Red Rodney. Other than that, "I'm oot a nomad."

Yet now he's due to play here indeed his second concert in the local "Chicago Jazz at the Museum" series was sold out weeks in advance. In addition to his scheduled performances at Jerusalem's Israel Museum on November 13 at 8:30 and the next evening at 9 at the Tel Aviv Museum, be'll play TA on the 15th too.

Besides his abilities oo trumpet, flugelhorn, flutes and soprano sax, there's no telling what he will I've learned a lot of styles," says and drummer Art Blakey.

the 65-year-old Washington native. "I learned Brazilian music, salsa. And [the musicians there] also love jazz, so jazz makes a perfect combination with it. Sullivan may not be leading the

unit in what would be considered classic Chicago style. But Chicago is not known for any one form of jazz, but rather for the way its musicians play.
"We call it the Chicago fire. It's

the passioo, the ferocity," he says. "Listen to West Coast jazz from the Forties and Fifties. It's a kind of polite bebop, much different from the way we approach jazz."

As a young musician, he had decided that jazz was his calling and he never strayed from that path. He hroke in and performed with saxophonists Charlie Parker, Lester Young, Wardell Gray and

Sonny Stitt, trumpeters Roy

Eldridge and Howard McGhee.

Sullivan first picked up a trumpet wheo he was three, and learned how to play from his father. He was in his high-school band when the he started playing sax. "It was only because the tenor sax player got ill before a concert. My mother played alto sax. So I told the bandleader, You let me take that instrument home, and I'll have that part ready.' I had a week to do it.

The tenor sax got me my first job," he says. His quintet auditioned for a booking, but the club owner said he wanted a sax player. Sullivan set aside his trumpet for the gig.

He added the flute to his "arsenal" of instruments in 1967 because of a dare. "A music-store owner where I had instruments repaired, put a flute on the counter and said, 'If you're so smart, try this.' I looked at it and said, 'No. that's a woman's instrument.

East she approached Yocheved Dostrovsky, founder of the Jerusalem Academy of Music,

asked for a place to teach dance,

Every day, Levy-Agroo com-muted to Jerusalem from her Tel

Aviv home (she moved back to

Jerusalem about 20 years ago) but

she still found time to teach dance

to children at the School for the

Blind, the first in the world to do

so. She let the children feel dance

positions on her own body and

through things like pulling, pushing and jumping. You have to explain [the why!] of a move-

ment even to sighted children so

THE THEATRE OF TELAVIV

taught them body awareness

and got it.

"I took it home and played around with it for a week. I got a headache. I started hyperventilating." The storekeeper told him be was blowing too hard. After six more months of practicing. Sullivan took it on the job for the first time.

Sullivan says he does some traveling every year, in addition to hitting Chicago. In the late Seventies, he got a call from Red Rodney, a Parker disciple and onetime sideman, who had been on the comeback trail. "Red and I hadn't seen each other for 25 years. Red said, Please come to New York for two weeks." Sullivan weot and "I ended up traveling around with him for six years."

He has recorded with Rodney. as well as with Blakey, Roland Kirk and Eddie Harris. His flute playing figures prominently on a duo album be did with guitarist Joe Diorio. The Breeze and 1, tlest album,

The dance department of the Jerusalem Academy received aca-

demic accreditation in 1976 and

Levy-Agron became Professor of

Dance two years later. The Academy of Music became the

Jerusalem Academy of Music and

Dance and Levy-Agron tells that

"Yocheved was planning the new letterhead. All my life I'd been

Hassia Levy but now she said

we'll hyphenate it with Agron so

The Mmistry prize "interests me

insofar as it's another card to use

in the fight to make dance a part of

the school curriculum. Besides,"

and the dark eyes dance, "why

should an egoist [like me] receive

that you can be near the top."

Education Ministry rewards life work of dance teacher Hassia Levy-Agron

THEN she was "young and beautiful and a new bride," says Hassia Levy-Agron, she lived in the Agron household. Gershon Agron would come home at around 3 a.m., "after he'd put the paper to bed. He'd wake me up. We would drink a glass of cognac together and he would show me the rave reviews I'd got, which he wouldn't print 'because they'd call it

nepotism." Agron was the founder of The Jerusalem Post, and his son, Danny, was married to the 19year-old dancer, Levy-Agron. She's still extraordinarily beau-

tiful, still a dancer, (although she no longer performs), and last night, at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv, she received the Education Minister's Prize for Life Achievement in Dance - the first of its kind.

She established, and still heads, the dance faculty of the Jerusalem Academy of Music which will honor her next Wednesday in a special program at the Jerusalem Theater. She regularly lures great teachers and choreographers to work with the students, like former Bolshoi prima ballerina Nina Timofeyeva and Bill Lother, who danced with Martha Graham. And she still teaches. She teaches the five-year-olds "because I want

them to have a good teacher, and because I always hope that something will come out and hlossom." She stopped dancing in 1956 because I wanted to devote my life to teaching, not only dancers

Hassia Levy-Agron's family has been here for seven generations. She grew up in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. She tells stories about her grandfather Levy, born in Jaffa, and one of the first to build in Tel Aviv; about her grandfather Rivlin (her mother's father), who would return to the Old City to sleep because what is now Jerusalem's center was out in the sticks; and about a pet stork that one of her father's friends had brought

but also teachers of dance."

to kindergarten. She has a legion of stories, and she tells them in her deep, smokeroughened voice, sitting on the sofa in her hillside Jerusalem home that is filled with a lifetime collection of paintings, copper and brass pots and Danny Agron's

from Jericho, and which she took

superb woodcarvings. They met when she was 14, married five years later "and from then we were always together," until he died in 1991. He was a journalist, one of the founders of the Israel Aircraft Industry. became a pilot after he lost a leg in the Smai Campaign, and founded



Hassia Levy-Agron seen in the 1980s rehearsing students from the Academy high school.

a crop-dusting business. He also helped procure arms for the new

LEVY-AGRON had been studying dance with Martha Graham in New York, but came back because this was my country. I went to Italy with Danny to help him. I danced in Rome, and met with the pilots who later flew the planes in the war. They called me the contessa and never suspected that I was involved in underground activity."

She started her professional career at 14, dancing for the Hagana, and for the British. At the end of World War II she went to Europe and danced for the Holocaust survivors in the displaced persons camps. She danced for the IDF on the front lines. dodging shells more than once.

"I never danced with a company," she says, "always alone." A photograph, taken in the Forties, shows her in ecstatic movement, hair flying against the Jerusalem skyline. She started learning movement at five and then was in a dance club at school with Shoshana Orenstein - who, with her sisters, was one of the

pioneers of dance here - and with Elsa Dublon and Gertrude Kraus. "There never was any question of doing anything else," she says. "Dance is my life and it always was. Movement comes before, with, instead of, and after the word. It is the first form of expres-

sion. Even animals dance." She studied and taught in Thailand, India and the Philippines. She had even taken classical ballet because "although I had an aversion to it, I felt that I needed to know its techniques because every style enriches

dance language."
Although she is a respected choreographer, it is as a teacher that Levy-Agron has made her greatest contribution to dance in this country. There is scarcely a dancer or dance teacher who has not studied with her at one time or another, oor a dance institution that does not owe her, "and if there is educational dance [in the school system] today, it is because of her," says Leah Ben-Zvi, a former student, today the dance coordinator at the performing arts high school that is affiliated with the

Academy. "She was, and is, able to transmit her own love of dance, as well as the idea that everybody can learn to dance, or at least to move. All you need is the desire."

Levy-Agron, now 71, started teaching when she was 16, and when she came back from the Far

Success side story

HELEN KAYE

THE Habimah National Theater has added

extra hours to keep up with the demand for tickets to West Side Story. Leonard Bernstein's famous retelling of the Romeo and Juliet story is being performed in Hebrew for the first time and the joint Habimah/Haifa theater production plays on the mainstage at Haifa from November 30 for two weeks.

It stars exciting new discovery Meytal Trebelski as Maria and she's more than matched by Aki Avni as Tony. Hilik Cohen, Adam, Noa Tishbi and Enosh Avraham flank an energetic cast of Sharks and Jets as the bittersweet tale is played out on the gritty streets of New York. The director/choreographer is Denni Sayers from the UK and the set designer is Adrian Vaux. West Side Story comes to Habimah on December 16.

they'll understand, otherwise, a prize for doing what she wants all her life?" they'll be like monkeys." November 5, 1996 at 8:30 p.m. new play by Israel's leading playwright. Hanoch Levin, Heffitz, a relative and enant in Tainalach and Chlamansea's apaitment, threatens to commit suicide when he is excluded from his relatives' wedding plans. Will he jump...? **VAYOMER VAYELECH** Special Gala Performance, November 7, 1996, at 8:30 p.m. The Ramat Gan Theatre, 16 Hibat Tzion Street, Ramat Gan Rina Yerushalmi's Itim Ensemble voyage into the world of the Old estament, recounling famous Biblical stones in the original language, with a unique blend of movement and sound SPECIAL DISCOUNT * NIS 25 OFF ANY TICKET + FREE HEADPHONES for simultaneous English translation on presenting this coupon of the box office any Tuedry might 30X OFFICE: 03-523 3335 • FAX: 03-5230172 • SUBSCRIPTIONS: 03-5245211 The Cameri Theatre can now be found on the Internet at the following address: http://www.cameri.virtual.co.il

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Pianist Israela Margalit celebrates on disc and TV

ESPITE the fact that her TV production Celebrating Haydn recently won the gold medal at the New York Television and Film Festival, Haifaborn pianist Israela Margalit says that pursuing a career per se "is a waste of creativ-

There was a time when she enjoyed a very active international concert career. And she still believesthat "nothing can replace the excitement of the live event "But," she adds, "I... don't want to be on

the road all the time." These days Margalit, who divides her time between New York and Los Angeles, runs her own company, Moonlights Productions, which initiated and produced the Anglo-American Chamber Music Series released on the EMI label. The series and the individual discs recently won major awards in the international disc

"We did eight discs of relatively unfa-

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

miliar chamber music by Ives, Copland, Korngold, Barber, Elgar, Delius, Britten and Walton in which I play together with members of the New York Philharmonic and the London Symphony orchestras."

The discs, which are most revealing and excellently performed, contain an abundance of musical riches. Several have won prizes. "This is creative and challenging. Life is too short and now I want to do what really interests me."

Margalit is also very much involved in writing for television. In addition to Celebrating Haydn with Sir Peter Ustinov. she has written and produced The Mozari Mystique, The Immortal Beethoven (both with Ustinov), Beethoven, The Prodigy,

The Titan and many others. "Obviously we can't replace the concert hall but we need to get new people into it even happier, though, would be the chance and the question is how far you want to go to perform with a local orchestra.

to get the audience and expand the circle.

Look, pop and rock will always win, there is no way classical music can compete with the vulgarity and the noise of these media. We have to enlarge our circle without losing the actual value of what we are doing. We have to popularize classical music without vulgarizing it.

But you must realize that we are talking about a generation which is growing up on a seven-minute segment time span. So yes. it's OK to popularize but not at the expense of the mtegrity of the performer." Margalit used to be married to conductor

Lorin Maszel. Their son Ilan, 25, is in his last year of law school and their 21-yearold daughter is a student of English literature. Margalit herself recently married Paul Rauch, a TV producer with whom she has lived for some time. And she is very happy. she says. One thing that would make her

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A legacy of hope

NE year after his murder, the nation still mourns Yitzhak Rabin. We mourn not only the man, the leader, the icon. the quintessential Israeli. We mourn that we have become a nation that allowed the unthinkable to happen, and that we will never retrieve the innocence that was lost, even if the tremendous wound can be bealed.

No one man played a more critical a role in so many stages of Israel's short history than Yitzhak Rabin. No single life could better represent the journey from pioneering the land, to statehood, to victory, to isolation, to maturity and strength, to acceptance in the world, as Yitzhak Rabin. He was not perfect, but he was a treasure, and he was ours. He is missed.

In those borrible days a year ago, some feared the murder would lead to civil war; many hoped for a coming together born of shared shock and a yearning to heal. Neither has happened. In some sense the crevice separating Israelis has widened. At the same time, however, the potential for bridging that crevice is slowly coming to light.

The battle for the country's future has been translated directly into how the country defines the Rabin legacy. One side says his legacy is peace - and is strangely silent on the imperative for unity. The other says that the nation must unify - but is strangely silent on the sacrifices that must be made for peace. To speak of peace is to label oneself in one camp; of unity, in the other.

While the recent elections put the peace camp in the opposition, it is the unity camp that is on the defensive. This paradox is demonstrated by the tremendous victory the peace camp has won since the elections. In a few short months, the new prime minister has warmly shaken Yasser Arafat's hand and irrevocably aligned his government with the Oslo framework, despite a Palestinian resort to violence that might well have forced the collapse of Oslo under the previous government.

The adoption of Oslo by the unity camp means that the Oslo process has become the only basis for consensus in the country. While in theory Oslo may have left the key final-status issues open, in practice all likely outcomes involve some form of territorial compromise and therefore fundamentally follow the peace camp's model.

everything that it has achieved is in danger. At

"NEW BROOM"

Sir, - I agree with Yosef Goell

Broom," October 22) that there

is much to criticize about the

performance of Israeli govern-

ments past and present, and that

the time and opportunity has

If, however, as Goell wants to

assure us, the spirit of Israel is

affected more by the beauty of

trees than by the fate of hun-

dreds of human beings, no mat-

ter who they are, no change in

government policy will matter.

We will indeed have become a

land of shame and a people

PA PRESSURE TACTICS

Sir, - I take strong exception

to your editorial of October 22

in which you report me as hav-

ing "threatened" Israel about the

outhreak of hostilities between

Israel and its neighbors. In the

lecture you refer to which I had

given a day earlier at the

Hebrew University, I simply

outlined my own and personal.

thoughts about what might hap-

pen if peace is not realized. I

also outlined my thoughts on

how I think it should be real-

Being totally outside the PA I

find it strange that you choose to

interpret my remarks as part of

PA tactics to put pressure on

Israel. Are we now banned from

expressing our fears concerning

our mutual future? Or are only

our paper's views on possible

solutions logical and reason-

ahle? Or perhaps we should

abstain from analysis altogether,

on pain of being accused of try-

I wish your reporter (October

21) and then your editor had

taken more time to consider the

totality of what I had to say in

ing to blackmail Israel?

Jerusalem.

DR. VICTORIA L. DAUBERT

devoid of humanity.

come to make a fresh start.

("Government

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the same time, the unity camp feels powerless to save the nation from sacrilege, suicide, or both. With both sides feeling increasingly desperate, what bope is there for the unity, peace,

and bealing that most Israelis yearn for? The first basis for hope is that a unity camp government following a modified peace camp policy, while not satisfying anyone completely, could eommand the support of a wide majority of the Knesset and the public. In effect, Israel will have adopted a unity policy, if not a unity

A unity policy could have great benefits for Israel, both by turning the tide away from corrosive division and towards healing, and hy strengthening Israel's position at the negotiating table. For the positive effect to be realized, the peace camp would have to support the government when it moves substantially in their direction. For their part, the unity camp would bave to be satisfied with small victories around the edges, and be willing to accept the will of the majority.

The second basis for bope is the reaction of Israel's yooth to Rabin's assassination. Their dominant reactions were against apathy and for healing. The "children of the candles" spontaneously formed groups from across the spectrum which cared more about learning bow to speak to each other than defeating each other. Instinctively, a critical mass of Israeli youth felt that if they could create peace at bome, peace with our neighbors would come.

A year from that terrible day, it is easy to assert pessimistically that nothing has changed, or that things have gotten worse. But the peace camp should take heart that the half of Israel that stood aloof from Oslo is now inextricably linked to it. Moreover, the political center has shifted decisively to the left, locking even a nationalist government onto the path of Oslo.

The unity camp should take consolation that, while the current government cannot steer too far from the Oslo framework, their concerns are being represented and the critical decisions ahead will be made by wider majorities than in

Finally, all Israelis can be thankful for the resilience, determination, and idealism of our youth, who turned out to care far more about their country than the stereotypes would allow, But despite its victory, the peace camp feels and to be more constructive than many who

Leah's life

GREER FAY CASHMAN

TIDOWHOOD is a curse. It's like being an amputee with constant phantom pains.

When a spouse who has been gravely ill dies there is some comfort in the knowledge that the loved one bas finally been released from torment. If he dies a natural death, especially while

Rabin's widow hasn't had the chance to heal and move on

asleep, there is also comfort, of a

But there is no comfort when a spouse gets killed as the result of an accident, still less when he is

In the year since the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin much has been said and written about national trauma. But there has been relatively little about Leah Rabin's personal trauma.

In an era in which women increasingly pursue their own careers, Rabin, a trained teacher, sacrificed her own personal aspirations for those of her husband. She was a soldier's wife, a diplomat's wife, an MK's wife, a defense minister's wife and a prime minister's wife.

Because she never knew to what extent her husband's call to duty would keep them apart throughout the day, she always made sure she and Yitzhak had breakfast together. This was their time for each other. The nation would wait.

For the past year, Rabin has been a widow. But she hasn't been an ordinary widow. How could

She hasn't been able to allow herself the luxury of giving into grief. Her public status has demanded that she maintain an almost rigid control.

There were televised scenes showing a trembling lip and reddened eyes; but with royalty, heads of state and hundreds of dignitaries coming to pay their personal condolences, Rabin had no choice but to put her personal agony on hold.

After the shive period most widows are forced to get on with their lives, to start planning for a future different from the joint one they had always envisaged.

So far Rabin has been denied this opportunity. Her presence has been requested at so many tributes to her husband in Israel and abroad that she has had almost no time for herself.

Because of the circumstances in which her husband died, she feels driven to carry the torch, to prove that the assassin who shot the dreamer of peace could not extinguish the precious flame.

Shuttling between Israel, Europe, the US and her home in Ramat Aviv, attending rallies, memorials and dedication ceremonies in every part of the country, she simply hasn't had the chance to move on in that inner, essential sense.

LIKE Jehan Sadat, widow of the murdered Egyptian president. Rabin will continue spreading her husband's message and remain husy responding to endless requests for speaking engage-

Occasionally, when her sometimes acerbic tongue gets the bet-

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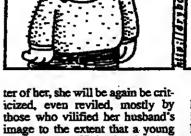


image to the extent that a young fanatie not sufficiently disturbed to be declared insane was inspired to play judge, jury and execution-It is hard to blame Rabin for

being hitter, though there has been evidence of more optimism in her tone and style of late. Yet we can expect to hear her speaking out again with that cutting frankness her detractors despise.

Perhaps, before they criticize her this time, they might try to imagine what this year has been like for her.

I don't know whether the one ahead will allow Rabin the space to come to terms with her loss and the time to mourn in her own way. As one widow to another, I can only wish her well.

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The motivation debate

OW distant we are from the days when an IDF uni-I form was a source of pride... of respect. [Now] soldiers and officers walk around with a near-apologetic lcok.... Dodging army service is no longer considered a blot on [one's] record."

A cynic listening to Chief of Staff Annon Lipkin-Shahak at the first annual Yitzhak Rabin memorial in Tel Aviv might have asked, "So what else is new?"

On October 20 this paper reported MK Ra'anan Coben as saying that less than 10 percent of 331 reservists turned up recently for guard duty in Nablus. He naturally called for an urgent meeting of the appropriate Knesset committee - but who isn't discussing the subject of IDF motivation? Soldiers, politicians, psychiatrists, psychologists; rabbis, educators. academics, youth movement leaders; rightists, leftists, kibbutzniks, immigrant groups, the media - the topic is on everyone's lips.

So what's the cure? Former CGS Rafael Eitan for the umpteenth time avows his belief in "spit and polish." Any change in society's attitude to the army, he says, is a reflection of "the soldiers' sloppy appearance." (Yediot Aharonot October 29).

In the same paper Education Minister Zevulun Hammer demands a return to Jewish values, expressing "no doubt that the body to promote [such] education m values shortly to be established as part of the Education Ministry will answer some of the problems raised by the chief of staff." Since the new body is to be directed by a former head of the Bnei Akiva

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apparent. Hammer believes his point is borne out by the many national religious youngsters who excel in the army. Bot while religious

youth movement its orientation is

schools and yeshivot quite rightly go their own way, would more "Jewish education" in nonreligious high schools really provide the IDF with better soldiers?

remain in a state of preparedness." Mitzna believes that "the decline in security alertness and in the IDF's centrality in Israeli society is natural," and be may be

The Jerusalem Post's editorial of October 10 noted that "two generations of reserve duty have left many of this society's parents sufficiently exhausted to cease

With soldiers still fighting and dying and talk of a new war on the horizon it may become more difficult to sit on the fence

Shlomo Gazit, a former director of military intelligence, wrote in Ha' aretz last Friday that since the decline in IDF motivation is the result of changes in our society, no administrative decisions will change these tendencies.

Gazit suggests his own, unconventional, corrective measures, for example: The IDF should consider cutting combat service down to a year-and-a-half to two years; other types of service would contime for three years. And he says practical steps, including financial measures, are needed to address the "crying injustice" that currently prevails in dividing up the burden of reserve duty.

HAIFA Mayor Amram Mitzna would rather the politicians left the army alone, but be has what he calls a political message: "A state trying to be normal cannot forever low in their footsteps by joining combat units."

Some years before Theodor Herzl founded the Zionist movement a century ago his future colleague Leo Pinsker wrote about the transformation of the Jews into, "a self-conscious independent nation, planted on its own soil and living the natural life of a normal people." Perhaps Dr. Pinsker was prescient.

After so many years of struggle many Israelis want not so much to die for their country as to live in it, naturally and normally. This has nothing to do with security, a

our political discourse. On the other hand there is a section of the population, not all of it religious, which still dreams of "redeeming our patrimony" ("Hebron then and forever")

whatever the price. Within this cleavage in a country which has traditionally prided

itself on its people's army, avoiding reserve duty is rightly seen as an act as significant as placing one's vote in the ballot box on election day.

The decline in motivation to serve surely flows from the deepest streams now running under the surface of our society.

In its extreme form, we have on the one hand those who consider it incumbent to continue taking up arms in an unrelenting struggle for the sort of Jewish homeland they envision; on the other are those Israelis, no less committed to the country or ready to defend it, who are having second thoughts about the need to risk

sider fanatical. Most Israelis are still somewhere in between. They wish a plague on both "extreme" bouses. But Israeli soldiers are still fighting and dying, the security budget is to be increased, and there is talk of a new war on the horizon. In these circumstances it may become increasingly difficult to sit on the fence. Strident calls for national unity notwithstanding, this great divide in opinion

doesn't look like diminishing. The motivation debate will go on and on; but in the long run only the future of this schism in our word mercilessly manipulated in society will determine its outcome.

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It isn't all photo-op and image

WIGHT Eisenhower once said that "our form of government has no sense unless it is founded in a deeplyfelt religious faith, and I don't care what it is." The lesson of this election year is that a Republican campaign for the presidency makes no sense unless it is founded in some coherent conservative political philosopby - and it doesn't much matter which one it is.

It can be Colin Powell-style moderate Republicanism. Or it can be the sterner stuff once offered by Ronald Reagan. But it can't be mush. And mush is what Bob Dole has been peddling.

The election has not even taken place and a fight is breaking out among Republicans over whether Dole ran too conservative or too moderate a campaign. The debate is absurd. Dole ran neither as a conservative nor as a moderate. He would have done much better as either one. He ran as the wounded war hero you could trust. Trust to do what? Ay, there's

In the first presidential debate, Clinton offered a withering critique of Dole's Medicare proposals, claiming they would lead to one catastrophe or another. In the face of this barrage Dole was speechless. His response consisted of the following syllogism: (1) His mother had been on Medicare. (2) He loved his 'mother. Therefore (3) be could not possi-

the rub.

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hly do what Clinton had just shown he was planning to do. And mush was the stuff of San Diego, where the Republicans staged a convention whose point was to prove that they feel, they care as much as Democrats. But of course if the election hinges on feeling and caring, the Democrats win every time. They do it so much better. Once Republicans accept the Democrats' definition of compassion as measured in the dollar amounts of federal subsidies, they have lost. How can they

possibly compete?

The first debate offered the curious spectacle of the Republican candidate recalling with pride his days in Kansas signing welfare checks for, among others, his grandparents. Meanwhile the Democratie candidate took credit for ending the 60-year-old, New Deal-era, federal entitlement to welfare.

The lesson for Republicans of the last 20 years of presidential elections is that mush doesn't sell. Principled conservatism does.

Since 1976, Republicans have lost twice (Ford in '76, Bush in '92), and won three times. All three wins were Ronald Reagan's - the last one, for a third term, awarded to George Bush as his stand-in and heir in 1988. Four years later, running on his

own, unmoored from Reagan and Reaganism, Bush managed to squander a 90-percent approval rating, and lost. Dole, about to lose too, is from the same "pragmatic" school as Bush and Ford. For these pragmatic Republicans, the presidency is a stewardship, an office of sober management requiring judgment and character. For stewards, a fixed political philosophy is a hindrance inviting the rigidity that comes of "ideology."

THE IRONY for Republicans is that the principled conservative case is theirs to be made. The country has been moving inexorably to the right since 1966, the apogee of the Great Society. The most sincere ratifier of this

truth is Bill Clinton, who saved his presidency hy relentlessly moving to the right on everything from welfare reform to teen curfews (an interesting proposal, by the way, coming from a champion of midnight basketball). Hypocrisy being the homage vice pays to virtue, the New Clinton is the homage that liberals pay to

conservatives. Clinton's professed conversion succeeded not just because he chose the right political direction but also because he could articulate that choice with coherence and often eloquence. Part of

talk the talk. Any talk, complained Dole, who railed bitterly against Clinton's easy adoption of a new political philosophy ("the era of big government is over" - from the man who tried to nationalize 1/7 of the American economy) as the rankest hypocrisy. There was pathos in Dole's

Clinton's success is that he can

complaint: Clinton was making the kind of conservative case - for a balanced hudget, for welfare reform, even for disciplining teens - that Dole was simply incapable of making.

Hence the silver lining in this otherwise dismal election year. Clinton's success confirms that, contrary to the common lament, politics is not all photo-op and image. Even in the age of television and sound-hites, rhetoric counts. Articulation counts. Clinton may be glib, but he knows

how to make an argument. He may not believe it, but he can make it. His reward is that he is about to become, astonishingly, the only Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be twice elected president.

Next time, Republicans should consider nominating someone who can articulate the conservative case.

They might win.

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that lecture. That way, our meanings might have been better put across, thus serving the cause of peace.

SARI NUSSEIBEH

Sir, - Susan Hattis Rolef (October 22) relates her experience at the wedding of a 38-year-old "newly religious" friend and asks the question: "why can't religious people learn to stand on their own feet?" This tendency to make generalizations from individual examples (to wit, blaming the entire religious community and Bar-Ilan University for Rabin's assassination) has led the Jewish people, and especially Israelis, into the tragic divisiveness and intolerance of our generation. Not all middle-aged newly religious

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individuals are alike. Nor are all religious, all middle-aged, or all secular Jews alike. Having come to Israel and become observant after the age of 40, I can personally attest to the fact that the ability to think for oneself is unrelated to how religious one is. This is not to say that rabbis are not consulted on religious matters, just as doctors and lawyers are on medical and legal ones. Moreover, someone who comes to religiosity (or any other life experience) relatively late brings into that decision all the elements of personality that have gone before. It is unlikely that

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a personality trait as basic as inde-

pendent thinking would be subordi-

Kfar Adumim.

SOUL-SEARCHING

Sir. - Moshe Kohn's column of October 25 show how little "soulsearching" has really been done by many on the religious right. Kohn seems to feel that the worst effect of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin was that it entrenched the Oslo Accords. Three-quarters of the column is spent in essentially blaming Rabin for his own murder. Kohn manages almost entirely to avoid mentioning the hate that was spewed at Rabin for two years leading up to his nearder, and when he does his

condemnation is faint. The sort of self-righteous vitriol that Kohn spouts is not going to bring us any closer together. The contrast with Naomi Ragen's anguish and regret over having called Rabin a traitor ("Too late," October 29) could not be

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ISRAEL'S SECURITY INTERESTS

Sir, - In the current talks with the PLO, our government is evidently trying to strike the best possible deal with due heed for Israel's vital security interests. It is thus essential that the recent unprovoked shooting by PLO legionaries at our soldiers not be glossed over. This entails suitable adjustments in previously framed and now broken accommodations.

One might expect that such a move on Israel's part would not be subject to narrow party political calculations. Unfortunately, this is deemed too rigorous a restriction for our loyal opposition. Fears that any improvement on their own illconceived arrangements might undermine their yearned-for electoral recovery here overshadows anything else. Hence the sordid spectacle of Labor throwing its weight behind our adversaries. The public must set the penalty for such AVNER BEN BARUCH

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CHRISTIAN SUPPORT.

Sir, - Our hearts break as we read letters from your readers that are crying out in such desperation for the truth to be known abroad about the opening of the Hasmonean Tunnel. We want our dear brothers to know that hundreds of thousands,

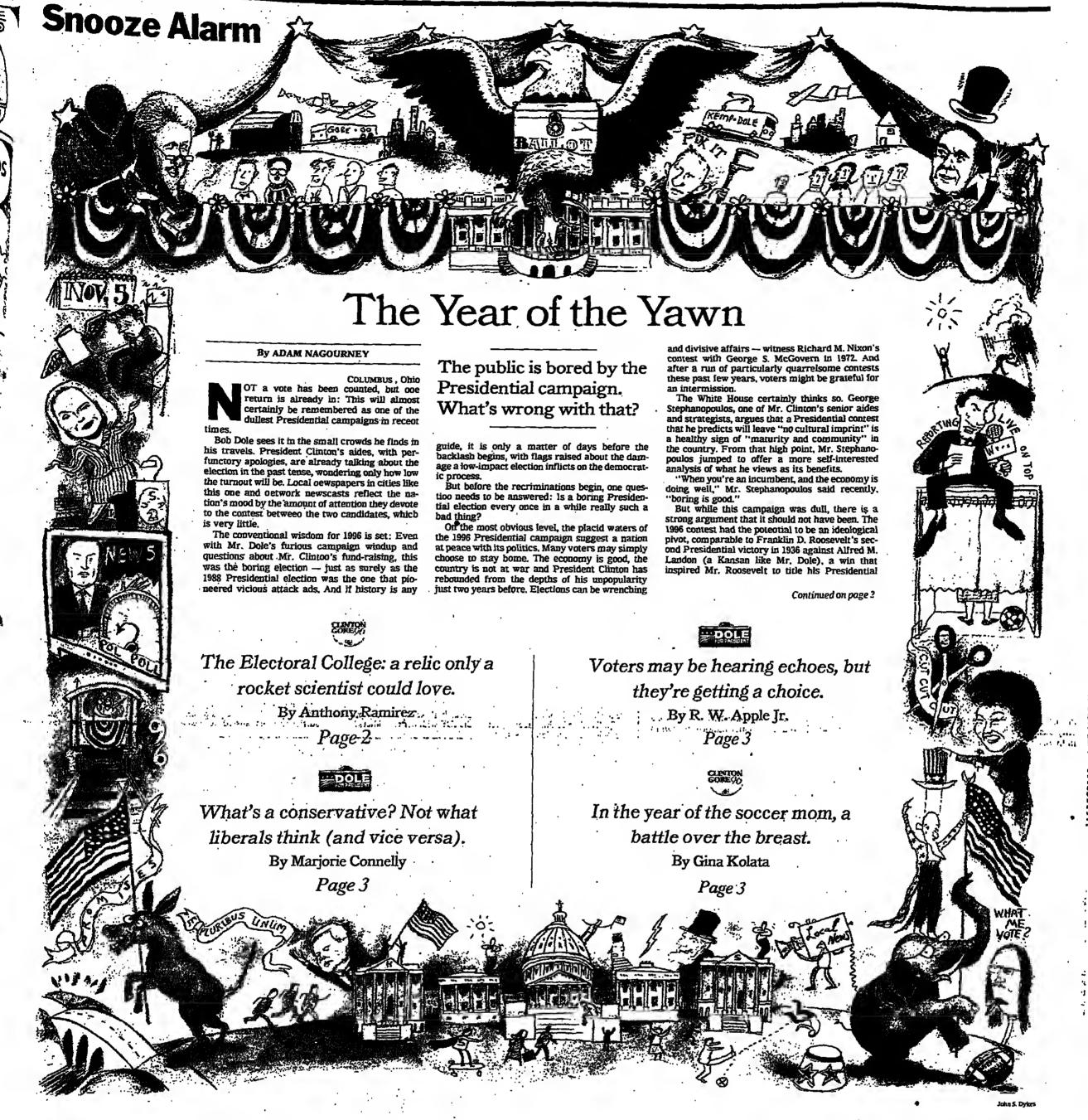
perhaps millions here in the US do know the injustices done to Israel and its beloved Jerusalem. We know about the agreements and why the tunnel was opened. We know the deceit and viciousness of the planned riots.

We know how hard it is to get the truth through such perverse news media, as we ourselves are continually bombarded by slanted views from our own liberal press. Multitudes of us receive our news coverage via Christian satellite and cable transmission. We see the bias of the national news media and our hearts go out to you in your fight for

Please know that we are not all blind, mindless robots playing follow the leader. We are with you, regardless of anything that comes out of the White House.

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The Jerusalen:



. War's Plunder and the Swiss

The New Old News of Nazi Loot

By BARRY MEIER

T is sensational news: tales of looted gold, stoleo art treasures and other wartime plunder secretly passing from the Nazis to the well-manicured hands of bankers in Switzerland.

The steady drumbeat of recent stories has fascinated readers and viewers. But a small group of historians and writers who have researched the subject say they are baffled: Why has the known suddenly become

"The basic outline of all of this has been known for many years and for people to pretend they have sensational new stuff is simply not true," said Arthur L. Smith Jr., a retired professor of history at California State University and the author of "Hitler's Gold" (Berg Publishers, 1989).

History sometimes has a curious way of lying dormant before the right spark ignites attention and touches off wide reverberations. The current firestorm over Swiss banks appears to have been stoked by the end of the cold war, the 50th anniversary of World War II and a recent convergence of political interests.

"In 1996, it seems to be ringing the right bells," said Marc Masurovsky, who has studied the "Safehaven" program, the American wartime effort to prevent the Nazis from secreting wealth to neutral countries like Switzerland. Records from that program are the source of some of the supposed new revelations, but Mr. Masur-



Gold wedding bands found at a Nazi death camp.

ovsky said, "Anyone could have walked into the National Archives in the 1970's and seen these documents."

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It has long been known that after the war, Swiss banks were left with numerous unclaimed (and still unquantified) deposits made by Jews throughout Europe who were fearful their assets would be seized by Germany. Many of those Jews later perished in the Holocaust. There has also been little doubt that Switzerland, fearful of Nazi conquest, accepted tons of gold looted from European governments by the Nazis as they

marched across the continent.

But for decades the Swiss banking industry, which takes pride in its secrecy and discretion, thwarted inquiries about the fate of such lucre. And since the 1970's, recovering it had not been the top priority for many major Jewish organizations, which were occupied with more pressing matters like tracking down surviving Nazi war criminals. The collapse of Communism, however, reinvigorated Jewish efforts to reclaim lost wartime properties in Eastern Europe, and the 50th anniversary of the end of the war last year rekindled interest in the war's murkier episodes. It was only a matter of time before the focus became Switzerland.

Under pressure from the World Jewish Congress and Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato of New York, the Republican chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, Swiss bankers agreed this spring to let independent auditors for the first time to search their archives for

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V-Chips Go Home?

America's hottest export is violent television.

By Bill Carter





Why the Election Is Like Baseball

By ANTHONY RAMIREZ

AP, tap, tap. Students, the question for today is: How is organized baseball like the Presidential election? Or, more specifically, bow is the World Series like the Electoral College? Come, come. It doeso't take a rocket scientist to see the connection.

Then again, maybe it does. Alan Natapoff, a physicist in the department of aeronautics and astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, scrutinizes the effect of "exotic acceleration," like space travel, on the human oervous system. But he also scrutinizes something equally dizzying: the Electoral College. Dr. Natapoff is a lonely defender of perhaps the most easily reviled part of the Constitution.

For the better part of three decades, he has argued against the abolition of the Electoral College, which the American Bar Assoclation once denounced as "archaic, undemocratic, complex, ambiguous, indirect and dangerous." Such criticisms, Dr. Natapoff argues, are wrong. He wields baseball and statistics to make his point.

As any student knows, voters do not vote for President, but for people known as electors, who in January cast the legally binding



votes for President. There are 538 electors; each state has as many electors as it has Senators and Representatives (the Oistrict of Columbia has 3).

If a candidate wins the majority of the popular vote in a state, he usually gets all that state's electoral votes. (Nebraska and Maine allow their electoral votes to be split.) Constitutionally, however, electors for whomever they like, regardless of how their state's popular vote went.

The Founding Fathers, especially the college's principal architect, James Madison, feared the "superior force" of an "overbearing majority." When the results of the popular vote jibe with the electoral vote, there is no problem with the system. When the results don't jibe - as in 1888, wheo Grover Cleveland won the popular vote, but lost the electoral vote to Benjamin Harrison - calls for reform erupt.

As recently as the close elections of 1960 and 1968, the prospects of Electoral College disconnections drove the House of Representatives to vote for a coostitutional amendment to abolish the system. (The measure later died in the Senate.)

Each State Is Like a Game

Since he first read about the controversy in Life Magazine in the 1960's, Dr. Natapoff has been using baseball to illustrate the essential worth of the Electoral College.

lo the World Series, he says, the team that scores the most runs overall is like a candidate who gets the most popular votes. But to win the Series, that team needs to win the most games. After all, the Atlanta Braves in this year's Series scored more runs (26) than the New York Yankees (18), but not in the right combination to win the championship.

In a game that isn't close, the probability is small that one more run (vote) for the team that is ahead will ultimately change the game's outcome, as a Republican voting for Bob Dole in heavily Republican Utah will find. In a more competitive game, however, the value of each additional run (vote) in-

creases substantially. In a nail-biting game (a close election in a state with a lot of electoral votes) the value of each additional run (vote) is at its greatest. If California, with 54 electoral votes, is closely contested, each popular vote for either President Clinton or Mr. Dole might clinch the election. (Truman won California by 17,865 votes in 1948 out of more than 4

A run early in the season is worth less than one in Game 6 of the World Series. And in a 15-to-2 rout, the 4th home run is less important than the first. Why? Because a team can't take the extra 12 runs and shift them to the next day's game.

Similarly, in the contest for electoral votes, a candidate can't take some of his overwhelming popular vote in Texas and shift it to a close race in Oregon; each race is a separate game. Otherwise, Democrats would concentrate their efforts on big Democratic states and Republicans would target big Republican states in a mad rush to pile up votes.

All this does not mean that a large popular vote isn't important. A baseball player wants to win games, but he also wants to improve his own statistics, as a bargaining chip for contract talks or a rationale for entry into the Hall of Fame. And a candidate wants a

lot of votes to claim a mandate. Alexander Hamilton, with characteristic



brio, noted the Electoral College's importance when be wrote in the Federalist Paper No. 68, "Talents for low intrigue, and the little arts of popularity, may alone suffice to elevate a man to the first honors in a single State; but it will require other talents, and a different kind of merit, to establish him in the esteem and confidence of the whole Union."

Dr. Natapoff agreed. But what was missing from his analysis, he realized, was mathematical rigor, defining how much more influence each succeeding vote (or home run) had oo the election (a winner-take-all game). He spent much of the 1970's and 1980's thinking about the problem and recently the political science journal, Public Choice, agreed to publish the result. For the record, Dr. Natapoff's central

L(m,n) > L(r) unless $u > u^*$

It says, basically, that the individual voter's clout, L(r), in a large electorate's direct election is less than his clout, L(m,n), in a districted election unless the district's voters are virtually equally likely to vote for either of two major-party candidates (which almost never happens in the real world).

Or. Natapoff's math is correct, said John F. Banzhaf 3d, a law professor at George Washington University whose statistical work was used in the 1960's by people trying to argue for direct elections. But, be sald, 'This is not a mathematical question, but a political judgment call."

John Feerick, now the dean of Fordham Law School, helped draft the 1968 House of Representatives proposal for a constitutional amendment to establish direct popular vote. "A direct vote is simple, understandable, and the way we handle oearly every other elec-

tion," Mr. Feetick said. "And It works." Even Dr. Natapoff doesn't argue that the Electoral College is perfect, but it does encourage Presidential candidates, like base-, to fight to the very end in contests. "Otherwise," Or. Natapoff said, paraphrasing a modern-day philosopber, "it would be over before it was over."

wins. Look at the past five World Series: .

1996 New York Yankees 1 0 5

1995 Cleveland Indians

1992 Toronto Blue Jays

1991 Minnestota Twins

Electoral College total:

1992 George Bush (R)

1988 George Bush (R)

1984 Ronald Reagan (R)

1980 Ronald Reagan (R)

1976 Gerald Ford (R)

5.5 million popular vote).

Bill Clinton (D)

Ross Perot (I)

Michael Dukakis (D)

Walter Mondale (D)

Jimmy Carter (D)

John Anderson (I)

Jimmy Carter (D)

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opponent, but ended up losing more games.

1994 No Series

Atlanta Braves

In baseball, it is not how many runs a team scores, but how many games it

Toronto Blue Jays 8 4 10 15 0

Philadelphia Phillies 5 8 3 14 2 6

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In three of these World Series matchups, Atlanta scored more runs than its

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rewarding the candidate with the most runs (votes), its winner-take-all policy

for state voting has resulted in some upsets. The last time was in 1888 when

vote) while Grover Cleveland received only 168 electoral votes (despite his

Source (political figures), "America Votes 20," Congressional Quarterly, 1993

Benjamin Harrison received 233 electoral votes (from 5.4 million in the popular

Although the Electoral College has a better track record than baseball in

Similarly in Presidential campaigns, the popular vote often does not reflect the

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Waiting President Clinton has his own thoughts as Vice President Gore spoke at Vanderbilt University in Nashville last Sunday.



The Year of the Yawn: The Election of 1996

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papers that year,: "The People Approve." What the people approved in 1936 was Mr. Roosevelt's activist view of government, and it set the political tone for this country for close to 40 years. What the people might have approved this year - had Mr. Dole and Mr. Clinton been more obliging - was elther of the competing views of government presented by House Republicans In 1994 or by the more governmentally ambitious Mr. Clinton who ran in 1992.

'Me Too'

winner

total

18

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45

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20

24

Popula

37.4%

43.0%

18.9%

53.4%

45.6%

58.8%

40.6%

50.7%

41.0%

6.6%

48.0%

50.1%

31.2%

68.8%

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79,2%

20.8%

97.6%

2.4%

90.9%

9.1%

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55.2%

Why the political campaign turned out the way it did is a reflection on both the skills of Mr. Clinton and the shortcomings of Mr. Dole. From the start of this contest the White House did all It could to diminish interest in the race. Candidate Clinton in 1992 blazed out of New Hampshire brimming with fresh ideas: He would guarantee health care for all end welfare as we know it, reform the campaign finance laws, provide college scholarships that would be paid with public service and reduce the size of government. Those ideas stirred small audiences in the grange halls of New Hampshire in January 1992, and huge audiences in college gyms at this time four years ago. For better and for worse, they set the tone for Mr. Clinton's first two years in office.

This year, a politically chastened and timorous Mr. Clintoo ran on a far lighter agenda. And he proceeded to embrace Republican positions with such relentless efficiency that Mr. Dole was left taunting his opponent as the "Me Too" President. There was not much else for the Republican Presidential nominee to say.

And even if there had been much to talk about, Mr. Dole was not the man to do it. Mr. Dole's performance this year made clear that communication or vision - "so-called vision," as Mr. Dole liked to call it - was not his strength. He never presented a vision for the country because, it became clear, he could not. He never had to during his years as a legislative leader in Congress. And he was uncomfortable with the hard economic and social lines drawn by Speaker Newt Gingrich and Republicans in the House, when they took power in 1994.

Flight From the Contract

Like Mr. Clinton, Mr. Dole made his own pragmatic ideological calculation last spring that linking himself to Mr. Gingrich's policies would doom his race for the Presidency. With Election Day now upon him, more than a few members of Mr. Dole's party, and a few academics, are arguing that he might have found a way to associate himself with the more attractive elements of the Contract With America, without being scuttled by association with Mr. Gingrich. But he never tried to do that.

"From the Republican standpoint, what the Congress has done over the last year and a half — and what they have tried to do could be defended a lot more strongly and intelligently than Dole has managed to do," said William G. Mayer, an assistant professor of political science at Northeastern University. Or as Mr. Stephanopoulos put It: "We had a lot of help from Dole. He never

Students of American elections, the very people who tend to define the conventional wisdom every four years, are suggesting that the country will pay a price for a bland election. "It's bad because what a campaign should be is something that exposes hidden facets of these candidates — and that gives us a better opportunity to judge them as potential Presidents," said Michael R. Beschloss, the historian. "When you've got a campaign that doesn't really do that, what it means is you're left at the end of the campaign with the same information you had at the beginning."

Doris Kearns Goodwin, the Presideotial biographer, said with the campaign ending she felt a profound sense of disappointment, particularly after the hopes raised by Mr. Clintoo's ambitious candidacy of 1992. "I remember feeling that I wanted my kids to live through one of those periods when people really cared about politics," Ms. Goodwin said. "I look back at the 60's - being part of the civil rights movement and going to Mis-

sissippi. It makes you feel large. "Human nature basn't changed," she continued. "That capacity to get involved is still there. But campaigns now are not designed to bring that out in people."

Democracy in Distress

Those comments are reminiscent of the warnings-echoed after most recent elections. In 1988 it was the hard edge of President George Bush's campaign against Michael S. Dukakis, which many politicians and academics said polluted political discourse. In 1992 voters were alienated by excessive attention to the mechanics of politics - focus groups, polling, production of advertisements - rather than a discussion of policy. Io retrospect, it's unclear whether either contest caused lasting damage to the nation.

might prove right: there really might be a price to be paid for this election, in the form of four more unsettled years in Washington and some important decisions delayed. If Mr. Dole wins, the only mandate he can claim is to push through his tax-cut plan. Mr. Clinton would take a second term with even less guidance from voters. Should Mr. Clinton decide to pursue an unpopular political initiative — which is what many of his supporters from the left hope be will do if he wins this, his last election - he will have to do so without citing the election returns as an endorsement of his platform or philosophy. In 1992 he was able to refer to his election when be presented his proposal for universal

what might have been. The election of 1996 bad all the potential to resolve the unanswered questions of those previous contests. Of course, voters might be getting exactly what they want. Maybe the campaign was boring because Mr. Clinton and Mr. Dole both sensed that America wasn't ready to make a stark choice; remember that the campaign season's top epithet was "extreme." Resolving the conflicts of a political era is interesting, but sometimes people prefer the less stirring course of groping for a

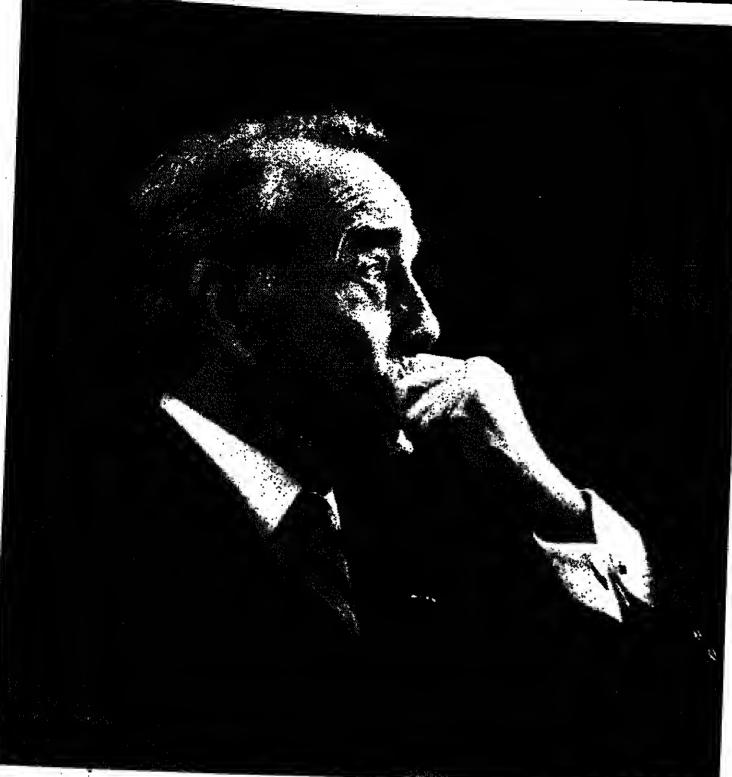
For better or for worse, that bridge - to borrow perhaps the only memorable metaphor of this long campaign - will not be crossed anytime soon.

But 1996 is one case where the warnings health care to Congress. The elections of 1992 and 1994 hinted at

middle ground.

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Listening Bob Dole fought back tears during a laudatory speech by former President George Bush on Thursday.



Vying for the Breast Vote

By GINA KOLATA

■ORGET the deficit. Forget taxes. Forget Medicare. Politicians, hoping to appeal to women, are now engaged in the battle of the breast. Or so it seems. Throughout this season of the soccer mom, candidates have taken up breast cancer as a campaign issue. Some are tucking it into their package of family values, while others are playing it as an environmental problem, drawing a link between breast cancer and pollution that sci-

It's no accident that the subject is cropping up now, said Amy Langer, the director of the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations. "We said to elected officials that this is our No. I issue of concern." For those politicians who will not listen, she said,

eoce has yet to establish.

"we will vote you out of office." President Clinton seems to bave gotten the message. Appearing in the Rose Garden last Monday, he promised to divert \$30 million in Federal money to the study of breast cancer genetics. "Nothing is more devastating to a family's strength than when someone is diagnosed with a lifethreatening disease like cancer;" be said.

In New York, Senator Alfonse M: D'Amato, a Republican, appears in an ad oo a beach with his mother, his two daughters, and several granddaughters. His daughter Lorraine speaks, saying that her father is

"fighting to shut down that incinerator plant in Long Beach, the one throwing poisonous toxins ioto our air and water." Then she adds, "That plant may be partially responsible for the high rate of breast cancer bere oo Long Island."

Last Monday, Representative Robert G. Torricelli, a New Jersey Democrat who is waging a fierce Senate race, accused his Republican opponent, Representative Richard A. Zimmer, of not supporting breast cancer research. "The breast cancer rates in New Jersey remain the highest in the nation," Mr. Torricelli said. "There must be a reason, an environmental cause '

Frances Visco, president of the National Breast Cancer Coalition, said there are others vying for the breast vote: Senator Rick Santorum, a Pennsylvania Republican; Senator Joo Kyl, an Arizona Republican; Senator Ted Stevens, an Alaska Republican; Senator Tom Harkin, an Iowa Democrat: Representative Nita M. Lowey, a New York Democrat; Seoator John W. Warner, a Virginia Republican; Representative Constance A. Morella, a Maryland Republican, and Gov. Lincoln C. Almond, a Rhode Island

Republican. But scientists are disturbed by the misleading information in some campaigns. Dr. Shelia Zahm, deputy chief of the occupational epidemiology branch at the National Cancer institute, said "there's oot a lot of information linking environmental exposures to breast cancer," even though researchers have looked. What's more, she said, Mr. Torricelli's statement that New Jersey bas the natioo's highest cancer rate is wrong. The District of Columbia has that distinction, with Delaware second. New Jersey is tied for third with Rhode Island.

Dr. Ann Flood, a breast cancer survivor who is a professor at the Center for Evaluative Clinical Sciences at Dartmouth College. said linking breast cancer to polluted air or water "is a real scare tactic."

Other scientists are repelled by what they see as the condescending assumption in these campaigns: that mentioning breast cancer is a sure way to win the female vote.

Dr. Barbara Weber, a breast cancer researcher at the University of Pennsylvania calls the breast cancer strategy "pretty demeaning." The assumption, she said, is that "women don't care about the deficit or education or Medicare." It suggests she said, that "what we care about is whether we ourselves will get breast cancer."

George Annas, a health lawyer at Boston University, chalks it up to the fact that the breast cancer coalition "is now looked at like a voting bloc." After all, he said, "you don't hear people going around saying they will do something for prostate cancer."







A 'Conservative' Is (Fill in the Blank)

By MARJORIE CONNELLY

RESIDENT CLINTON tried to convince us. "The old labels of liberal and conservative," he said more than a year ago, "are not what . matter most anymore." But as campaign season winds down, the old labels are lossed around freely as ever. So what do they mean to the audience?

A telephone poll conducted by The New York Times and CBS News Oct. 10 to 13 asked 1,126 voters just that.

When asked what they thought of when they heard someone described as a "liberal," the respondents, who could say anything instead of being limited to a multiplechoice list, most frequently volunteered open-minded" and "free spending." When asked about "conservative," they most often volunteered "fiscally responsibla or tight" and "closed-minded."

The terms were once strongly linked to specific issues, like anti-Communism or the peace movement. Today, the labels may be used to talk about issues like abortion rights, but "abortion" isn't the first thing that comes to mind when political labels are uttered. Only 2 percent of respondents identified "liberal" or "conservative" with either side of the abortion debate.

Instead, voters link the political left and right to core meanings that seem to owe as much to the dictionary as to the shifting tide of political movements. So "liberals" are generous (a liberal portion). And "conservatives" are moderate or cautious (a conservative estimate).

But old definitions may be lagging behind new realities; 8 percent of voters associated "conservative" with "careful" and 7 percent with "against change." These attributes do not fit House Speaker Newt Gingrich's Republican revolution.

Sheila Riddle, a 41-year-old technical services operator from Dallas, echoed the dictionary definitions. The moderate Democrat, who supports Mr. Clinton, said, "Liberals are open to new ideas, even if they might be far-fetched. But conservatives like Dole have their minds made up. They tend to be stuffy, not open to compromise or change." Pocketbook issues also affected thinking.

"Liberals want to take more and more tax money away from working people," said Joe Nava, a 65-year-old retired professor and a conservative Republican from Fair-banks, Alaska. "Conservatives support more individual responsibility in terms of bow the money is speot." Leo Estrada, an insurance salesman from Fresno, Calif., put It another way: "Conservatives are tightwads." The 48-year-old liberal Democrat is supporting Mr. Clinton, but he thinks both ne are conservative.

There is a little confusioo in applying the labels to this year's Presidential race. Bob Dole is the easy call; a majority of voters, regardless of their own political philosopby, describe him as conservative. Bill Clinton is trickier; respondents were evenly-split over whether Mr. Clintoo is a liberal or a moderate. Predictably, conservative voters were more likely to say Mr. Clintoo is liberal.

But about 10 percent of voters characterize Mr. Clinton as conservative, and roughly 10 perceot characterize Mr. Dole as liberal. And although the nationwide poll has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, these I in 10 proportions have held fairly steady in every Times/CBS News Poll conducted this year.

Who are these voters? "Bill Clinton would be a liberal Republican, but he is a very conservative Democrat," said Dan Johnson, a writer and real estate broker from Eufaula, Okla. Mr. Johnson, a 48-year-old liberal who supports the libertarian candidate,

characterizes Mr. Clinton as a conservative because of his foreign policy - "identical to George Bush's" - and because of some of his appointees.

And Paul Delise calls Mr. Dole a liberal. The 42-year-old bricklayer from Brunswick, Ohio, doesn't like many of Bob Dole's ideas on education and Medicare, and considers the "liberal" label pejorative. Mr. Delise, an independent moderate, plans to support Bill Clinton, whom he describes as

'Liberals' Give Money Away

Over all, the descriptions of "liberal" and "conservative" were evenly distributed between positive and negative attributes. Voters find fault with both sides, perhaps one reason that 50 percent identify themselves as moderates.

Neil Reed is a 40-year-old insurance adjuster from Dover, Del., who identifies himself as a moderate and as a Republican. "I'm more middle of the road. I would like to see less Government interveotion." He says liberals support social programs that "give money to those who don't have to work." But Mr. Reed, a Dole supporter, is not happy that conservatives are aggressively imposing their beliefs about abortion and some other issues.

Moderates may also be looking to stay between two other labels: old and young. Winston Churchill once said, "If you're not a liberal at 20, you have no heart, and if you're not a conservative at 40 you have no head." This was echoed by a 42-year-old Pennsylvania man: "A conservative is someone old," said this self-described moderate, "But liberals are bleeding hearts."

The New Hork Times CBS NEWS Poll

Tightwads and Free-Spenders

Most commonly volunteered responses to the following questions:

When you hear someone described as "conservative," what comes to mind what do you think of as a conservative?

Fiscally responsible or tight

Close-minded 10%

Against change

6% Degree of

government involvement

When you hear someone described as "liberal," what comes to mind — what do you think of as a liberal?

Open-minded 8% Free-spending

Degree of government involvement 5% Helps people

5% -Pro-handouls

Based on a nationwide poll of 1,126 registered voters conducted by telephone on Oct 10-13



Where the Choice (Yes, a Choice) Lies on Tuesday

By R. W. APPLE Jr.

WASHINGTON FTER 10 months of campalgning, after the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars, after innumerable witless speeches and enough wretched television commercials to last a lifetime or two, the voters of America are underwhelmed. or so they tell the polisters. Many of them say it doesn't really matter who is elected President this week.

They are wrong. It may be, as the columnist George Will has suggested, that too much emphasis is placed on the President and his power to shape the nation's destiny. It may be that "such talk encourages what needs to be constantly discouraged - the hubris of government and its delusions of mastery." And it may be, as many maintain, that Presidential elections are no more than lotteries, because campaign promises are written in sand.

Still, choosing Roosevelt over Hoover changed the whole balance between government and business, and choosing Nixon over McGovern prolonged the national agony in Vietnam, among other things. Practically (although not constitutionally) speaking, Presidents can take the country into war. They can shift dollars from guns to schools. They can lift the nation up or let it down.

This year as in so many others, the candidates have

told us that this is one of the most important elections in history. Vote for my opponent, says Bob Dole, and the nation's morality will be sorely endangered. Vote for my opponent, says Bill Clinton, and you will fall off the bridge to the 21st ceotury.

That is so much autumn hyperbole. The country faces oo war-or-peace decisions, and no domestic crisis like the Depression is at hand. Moreover, the two majorparty candidates are both internationalists, broadly speaking, and both free traders; both believe, to varying degrees, in government's duty to care for the powerless; both have said that the problem of keeping Medicare and Social Security from going broke will probably have to be handed over to a nonpartisan commission.

The Differences

But President Dole, particularly if supported by a Republican Congress, would scale back affirmative action, probably seeking some national version of California Proposition 209 to prohibit racial and gender preferences m public hiring, contracting and education. He would move no further in reforming health care. He would trim immigration and push to make English the nation's official language. He promises to work for Constitutional amendments mandating a balanced budget and establishing term limits for members of Congress. He vows to cut Federal spending for a range of social programs and

increase it for the military.

Unless the Democrats win control of both houses of Congress, which would constitute a considerable surprise, a second-term President Clinton would be constrained in his actions. He might or might not try to extend health insurance, perhaps to cover all the nation's children. He would resist any erosion of abortion rights, such as a ban on late-term procedures. He would cut taxes much less than Mr. Dole and would probably avoid any major overhaul of the tax code.

Mr. Dole has made a major campaign issue out of campaign finance, particularly contributions by foreigners. Mr. Clinton has promised reform. But neither man has committed himself to anything as far-reaching as the bill proposed by Senators John McCain, an Arizona Republican, and Russ Feingold, a Wisconsin Democrat. which would ban political action committees and clamp down on unregulated "soft money" gifts.

Nor, for all the talk about tax cuts and balanced budgets, is it clear how either man would get there. The two men's sharply differing philosophies are evident in the language they choose to explain it.

"I have proposed a program of tax cuts for working families," Mr. Clinton says, "that focus on education and child-rearing and are clearly within our ability to balance the budget so we can continue to keep interest rates down and the economy growing." To which Mr. Dole replies: "I have one big plan, to give you back more of your hard-

earned money and more of your freedom, because you can run your own life better than any government bureaucracy ever can or ever will."

The era of big government may be over, but Mr. Clinton wants to use the tax code and Federal spending in one way (call it the way of the semi-reformed liberal), Mr. Dole in quite another (the way of the sometime

It is not easy to judge how the two men might react to trouble abroad. But Mr. Dole has said be would accelerate NATO's expansion. He would probably take a harder line if a post-Yeltsin crisis developed in Russla. And he might be less willing to extend the stay of American troops in Bosnia for a year, a prospect that seems certain in a second Clinton Administration.

Finally, there is the matter of Supreme Court justices. On issues from abortion to term limits to affirmative action, the men and women chosen to replace the jurists who are approaching retirement will exert a powerful influence, and clearly Mr. Dole and Mr. Clinton would seek very different sorts of nominees. But history has frustrated Presidential wishes in this area.

For every Clarence Thomas, whose ideological persuasion survives the transition to the Supreme Court, there is an Earl Warren, who surprises. So there is no guarantee that a vote for Bob Dole on Tuesday will shift the court to the right or that a vote for Bill Clinton will keep it where it is loday.

Ideas & Trends

Pow! Thwack! Bam! No Dubbing Needed.

By BILL CARTER

AYWATCH," that weekly salute to the dedicated men and women of lifeguarding - and to swimwear - remains the most popular American television show in the world. But sex is still not the universal language of television.

Action is. Paul Krumins, who surveys syndicated television shows for Copley Entertainment. analyzed the pheonmeoon: "Kicking butt," he said, "plays everywhere."

No genre has proved as enduringly popular around the world as the old-fashioned good guy vs. bad guy show - as long as somebody gets pounded into submission.

If you turn on a television set in France, Italy, Germany, Brazil, Israel or a oumber of other countries, the odds are excellent that you will run into an episode of "High-lander," "Hercules," "Xena," "Kung Fu" or any one of more than a dozen other hourlong action shows. They are aired on American television too, but abroad the shows that bash are a smash.

"Highlander," an epic in which a Scottish warrior, originally killed in battle in the 14th century but brought back to life to wage weekly sword battles as an "immortal," is in its fifth season and going strong in about

'Hercules" and "Xena," which chronicle

the adventures of two mythic pre-Hellenic superheroes in high-camp style, accompanied by plenty of flying bodies, are newer. but they have grown into international hits. sold in 20 and 15 countries, respectively.

"The thing about all these shows is that locale doesn't really matter," Mr. Krumins said, "What you need is somebody beating up bad guys. That transcends translation. It can also help if a show bas some scl-fi element, like 'Highlander' does. That translates well too."

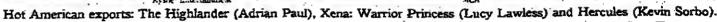
So hungry are international broadcasters for American-style action shows that they often put up a share of the production costs.

Overseas, American TV violence sells even better than sex.

Generally, Mr. Krumins said, one of these action hours costs about \$1.2 million. The American production company usually puts up one third, with one European broadcaster accounting for a second third and a South American, Asian or Australian company putting up the final \$400,000.

"For the U.S. studio it's an excellent





deal." Mr. Krumins said. "Even if the show bombs, the production cost is not drastic. If it hits, it's all upside."

In the case of "Highlander," it was a French television company, Gaumont, that initiated the series. A 1986 movie of the same name was not a big hit in the United States, but the rest of the world ate it up. A production executive at Gaumont got the idea six years ago that the movie could be made into a series. After some dealmaking. an American-based company, Rysher Entertainment, took on the task of producing and syndicating the show. Gaumont re-

mained a partner. "Highlander," which is shot half the year in Vancouver and the other half in Paris, caught on all over the world. Ken Gord, one of the producers, said the show strives for international flavor. Its star, Adrian Paul, is British, Guest stars are from Canada, Italy, Austria and other countries.

The show also dips into world historical events. The Highlander has already turned up in the American Civil War and the French Revolution. An upcoming episode has him battling some immortals from the

Intimate Violence

But the real international appeal lies in the combat. The immortals favor swordfighting - "It's an initmate form of fighting," Mr. Gord said - and just about every episode climaxes in a ritual decapitation. It seems that immortals can die only if beheaded. (The chopping takes places off screen.)

This year Rysher created a second action adventure show, "F/X," based on the film about a movie special-effects man caught up in crime-solving. The series costs more to produce than any other hour-long show on television, said its executive producer, Steve Downing. It is already sold in 98 countries.

Action shows turn up mainly on independent television stations which have hours to fill, usually oo weekend nights. "Xena" and

"Hercules" are simply rushing into the international void left when broadcast networks, worried about the Federal mandate that limits the amount of violence they show, stopped making heavy action series.

Suddenly syndicators have an easy market. "These shows still have to be sensitive to whatever limitations on violence specific stations may have, but they surely can get away with more than a network show can," Mr. Krumins said. And they need not score superhero ratings in the American market to survive. The highest rated action series this season, "Hercules," has averaged only about a 6 rating (each rating point represents 931,000 households), which would target it for cancellation if it were a network prime-time show. But because of its international appeal, "Hercules" actually is considered a runaway

But Mr. Krumins offered a warning: "The market is getting glutted with these things." After all, be said, "France can only take so many action shows."

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This is the last unfinished business of the Holocaust," he said, "It is time to draw a black line at the bottom and finalize thes

Swiss and Old News

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any unclaimed wartime accounts. The issue of unclaimed Jewish accounts

became commingled with broader (and embarrassing) questions about Switzerland's handling of Nazi gold and about the accommodations this supposedly economicallyneutral nation had made with the Third Reich In September, the British Government issued a report saying that the Swiss could still be holding much of the Nazis' stolen gold.

As Switzerland's war past has leaped from obscure history books into the popular media, some new details have emerged; but a lot of history has been born again as news. One example: Mr. D'Amato's staff publicized "recently declassified" documents. showing that the Wehrli Bank, a defunct Swiss coocern, had been a clearinghouse for Nazi assets. The wartime bistory of that bank was well documented by Nicholas Falth, an English journalist, in his 1982 book "Safety in Numbers" (Viking).

Little-known facts often get lost in history. and sometimes it takes time, changing attitudes and the right circumstances for them to attract attention. In 1951, Seymour J. Rubin, a former American Government official, wrote in a legal journal about a 1949 pact between Switzerland and Poland under which unclaimed assets of Polish nationals in Swiss banks could be used to compensate Swiss citizens whose property bad beeo confiscated by Poland's Communist regime. Many of those assets presumably belonged to Jews and others killed by the Nazis.

In that era of cold-war calculation, the United States may have been loath to antagonize the Swiss over the deal. But when Mr. D'Amato and Jewish groups released documents about the Polish deal at hearings in Washington last month, they created a furor. The deal even struck many Swiss as news, at least at first blush. In any case, Swiss officials promised to determine what bappened to deposits affected by such agreements with Communist countries.

Cooperation

Such cooperation is a sign that the postwar generation now in power in Switzerland may be ready to come to grips with the nation's past, and that may be the biggest change. Israel Singer, the secretary general of the World Jewish Congress, said, "Today, we are only dealing with responsible parties, not guilty parties."

But while new inquiries could yield genu-ine revelations, there may be disappointments. Mr. Faith, for one, suspects that the amounts of money left in the abandoned Jewish bank accounts are relatively small, because many Jews refused to believe the Holocaust was coming until it was too late and didn't have time to safeguard their assets. And the task of tracking down abandoned accounts 50 years later is daunting, because many were opened through middlemen and some of the banks active during the war have since collapsed or been absorbed.

Still, some progress has already been made. Even before agreeing to an outside audit, Swiss banks said they had found 774 accounts totaling about \$32 million, a figure rejected by Jewish groups as absurdly low. (In the 1970's, the banks also conducted a study of unclaimed assets and said they had found \$5.2 million, which they turned over to

Mr. Singer said his group and others would not be satisfied until they have a full accounting of all the property stolen from Holocaust

THE BECOMEREN

By GLENN COLLINS and STEPHANIE STROM .

EPSI'S blue. For starters, Pepsico fnc. all but lost the global cola wars to the Coca-Cola Company this year, making its ballyhooed experiment to abandon the red and white on its cans for basic blue seem like a celebration of style over substance. Meantime, two of its three fast-food chains are floundering, and even Frito-Lay, the snack-food jewel of the corporate crown, momentarily lost some of its sparkle.

Wall Street is pushing the usual quick fixes - spinoffs, acquisitions, an AT&T-style split-up into three parts - but so far Pepsico isn't biting, to the consternation of some investors who have watched Coke's price outpace Pepsi's.

Other investors and analysts, however, far from despairing, see a chance for a renaissance in Pepsi's mess. They say the company's troubles are forcing it to adopt a new Realpolitik in developing a longterm strategy for growth in all three of its core businesses.

And they are hoping management will reach the same conclusion they have: Pepsi's best hope for sterling growth lies outside the cola business. In the same way that Coke seduced the world with its caramel-colored sugar water, they say, Pepsi enjoys the size (\$30.4 billion in sales last year, compared with Coke's \$18 blllion), the product arsenal and the marketing clout to addict both hemispheres to its salty snacks.

WORLD INDEX

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Pepsi can become the Coke of corn chips

The \$64 million question is whether Pepsi can find a way to stop playing Gimbels to Coke's Macy's and start thinking of itself as a snack company with a substantial, but ancillary, business in soda. "Pepsi is holding itself hostage to Coke," said John A. Quelch, the Sebastian S. Kresge professor of marketing at Harvard Business School, "It would be better off if it stopped thinking it had an obligation to chase Coca-Cola every morning."

Shedding its Coke-in-the crosshairs mentality will require nothing short of a revolution in Pepsico's culture, of course. But doing so will also free Pepsi, the nation's 19thbiggest corporation, to focus its energies on its very un-Coke-like empire. Since Coke spun its bottlers off its balance sheet a decade ago, it has been a single-minded seller of beverage concentrate.

Already, there are signs that Pepsi's new leadership is inching toward a more pragmatic approach, Roger A. Enrico, the hard-charging Pepsico veteran who took over the helm on April Fool's Day, recently signaled the company's desire to get over its Coca-Cola fixation, Mr. Enrico, the ultimate cola warrior who wrote the 1986 book "The Other Guy Blinked: How Pepsi Won the Cola Wars," startled his audience during a recent conference call with analysts by saving that "most of the time we don't need to beat Coke to

have a huge and growing business." Even Craig E. Weatherup, a diehard beverage gladiator who added to his position as second in command at Pepsico the task of fixing Pepsi-Cola's overseas soft-drink business.

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acknowledges that the company's future rests more in Fritos than in fizz. Though he denies that his boss's remarks are a "capitulation" to Coke, he adds, "The buge growth engine for Pepsico is that snack business outside the U.S."

A look at the three business of Pepsico, which is based in Purchase, N.Y., bears out that verdict. Soft +1.000 drinks remain a big part of its empire, but Pepsi has had to fight hard to maintain market share at home and has suffered a series of disasters overseas that have effectively doomed its hopes of challenging Coke's world supremacy. In fast food, Pizza Hui and Taco Bell, Pepsi's biggest chains, are struggling to stay profitable, while the third, KFC, is only beginning to flex its muscles after a decade-long workout to get

back in shape.-That leaves snacks. And in that domain, Pepsico is moving aggressively to exploit its world dominance. Indeed, the prospect of hooking the masses of Europe, Asia and Latin America on local varieties of its Cheetos, Doritos, Fritos, Ruffles and Sunchips is one reason Pepsi stock has held up as well as it has amid the crisis.

While some investors have headed for the hills in recent months, driving the stock to within a shade of \$28 in early October from its 1996 high of nearly \$36 in June, others are buying including some former Pepsi executives. Pepsico closed at \$30 yesterday on the New York Stock Exchange, up 37.5 cents. (By contrast, Coke closed at \$50,25, down 25 cents.) And short-sellers, those investors who make money by betting that a stock will fall, are actually considering buying the stock outright in the belief that it will go up. having been burned selling Pepst short earlier this year.

"I look at it as an opportunity to buy a good company cheap," said Robert S. Reitzes, a portfolio manager at Bear, Stearns & Company who holds Pepsico stock in his personal accounts. "This is a case where you know they're under the gun to get the stock price higher and they have the power to do IL"

Pepsico executives continue to paint Coke as their archrtval io a titanic battle for the hearts and minds of soda swillers everywhere. Mr. Weatherup, the beverage chief, likens the company's three business units to the Three Little Pigs, but Coke - not McDonald's or Nabisco. all worthy competitors - always stars as the Big Bad Wolf, just wair. ing for an opportunity blow the Pepsico house down.

Even Steven S. Reinemund, head of the snack food business and its most arden! champion, acknowledges that the primordial Coke vs. Pepsi struggle is hard to disregard. "Two competitors going after each other in the cola wars is much more interesting than a nuts-and-bolts business like ours," he said.

Asked whether his division's growing importance might one day justify renaming Pepsico the Frito-Lay Corporation, Mr. Rememund recoiled. "I would be accused of a palace revolt should I say that," he said, adding, "We're proud to be part of the Pepsico family."

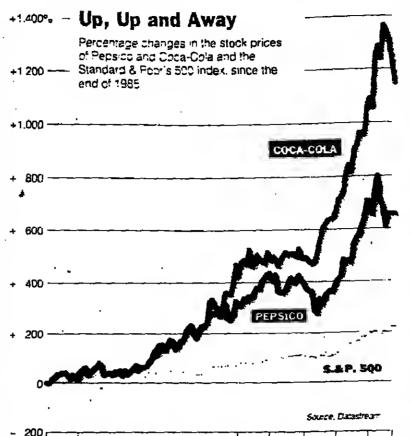
But all the fretting over the Coke threat can't mask the fact that Coca-Cola isn't even a player in the realm where Pepsico is strongest: selling snacks in North America and overseas. Outside the United States, profits at Frito-Lay's snack business increased by 16 perceot in the firstnine months of this year from the similar period a year earlier and, after adjusting for the impact of the Mexican peso's collapse, soared 54 percent in 1995. Were it not for the havoc created in one of Pepsi's biggest markets by that devaluation, the company's profits from selling chips around the globe would have grown at a compounded rate of 32 perceni between 1991 and 1995.

To be sure, Frito-Lay's march slowed in the third quarter, when it tripped over itself to capture shelf space that was abandooed by the Eagle Snack division of the Anheuser-Busch Companies, the closest thing to a domestic competitor Frito-Lay had. Pepsi produced too much, overestimating the bounce its snack foods would get when Eagle cried "Uocle!" and closed for business in February. Even so, Frito-Lay accounted for

44 percent of Pepsico's operating

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profit last year and is likely to contribute even more this year. And overseas, it is going gangbusters. Pepsi owns 5 of the 10 largest foreign snack food markets, and the potenrial for growth is stupendous. The average foreigner consumes less than two pounds of chips, pretzels and the like a year, compared with the 17.5 pounds that the average American wolfs down. "In the United States, roughly a quarter-billion people create \$6 billion in sales," Mr. Reinemund said. "There are six billion people interoationally, so imag-

ine what the opportunity is." By positioning itself to become the Coke of the snack-food business, Pepsi is playing to its legendary skill at building markets. Even so, it faces a monumental task in hooking the world on a very American habit. Corn and potato chips in a variety of flavors, ruffled or flat, suit Americans' hurried lives and love of convenience, but in many of the countries where Frito-Lay is peddling its wares, snack food is an alien concept. In Japan, for instance, eating snacks on the go would be considered rude, so the demand for singleserving snack packs is much lower than in other parts of the world."

And distribution in most foreign countries offers daunting logistical challenges. Mom-and-pop stores are more prevalent than chains, and storage centers with appropriate merature controls a against pests are not uniformly available. The world is hardly holding its breath for a soggy Dortto.

As big as the challenges are, most experts believe that Frito-Lay is up to them, indeed, when Pepsi contemplates the global snack business, 'it's like being in world beverages without a Coca-Cola." said James A. Lawrence, former head of Pepsi's beverage business in Asia and Afrtca and now chief financial officer of Northwest Airlines. It has 54 percent of the snack food market in the United States and no national competitors, and analysts expect the introduction of products using olestra, a controversial fat substitute, to increase that share in 1998. Moreover, it has the financial resources to do things right, especially since Pepsico is sending more and more of its capital budget to the snack food busi-

ff its rapid conquest of Poland is any example, the world is ready to be addicted. Four years ago, Pepsico bought a local candy maker, Wedel, and began selling chocolate. A year later, it added salty snacks, using what it had learned from the sweets business to begin setting up a distri-bution network. Its trucks are now deployed on 250 routes, and Mr. Reinemund said Pepsico would make more than \$20 million there this year, one-fifth of the company's earnings from international bever-

Frito-Lay has 30 to 40 people doing research on consumer attitudes throughout Asia - where tastes run more to rice-based and wheat-based than to corn-based food - so that it can modify its products to satisfy local palates.

'95 '96 The New York Times "Everyone tries to emulate

them," said Richard Furash, head of the consumer practice group at Deloitte & Touche Consulting. "They have used superior distribution and logistics to dominate the American market, and there's no reason they can't do that overseas."

As an added bonus, the company won't have to conteod with the Federal Trade Commission abroad, as it does in the United States. Frito-Lay is currently under investigation by the agency for possible anticompetitive practices, and has been the subject of a similar inquiry that resulted in a court-ordered settlement.

Executives say privately that concerns about attracting the agency's attention are one reason Pepsico sings Frito-Lay's praises sotto voce.

As Pepsi gears up its overseas snack business, it is smarting from a string of defeats in the cola wars. First, Christopher A. Sinclair, the company's beverage chief, resigned in July for persooal reasons. Then, in August, Coke went for the jugular and wooed away Pepsi's Venezuelan bottler, the Cisneros Group, eliminating overnight one of the rare markets in which Pepsi-Cola outsold Coke. Worse yet, Pepsi had to pump almost \$400 million into its troubled Brazillan bottling operation.

"I had some reasonable sense that this was not going to be a cakewalk," said Mr. Weatherup, the new beverage chief. "It turned out to be a little more difficult than f thought."

He quickly bit the bullet. The company took a \$520 million charge in the third quarter largely to revamp the international beverage business. Pepsico also plans to lay off up to 10 percent of its international work force by Dec. 4.

The leaner Pepsi will then focus on international markets like China, Eastern Europe, India and Russia, where it has a fighting chance against Big Red. Pepsi has also sworn off the sorts of joint ventures that plagued it this year, and if Mr. Weatherup's history as former head of the American business is any indicator, Pepsi will end up owning more of its overseas bottling operations. He spent \$4 billion to increase Pepsico's ownership of its domestic bottling operations from 18 percent in the mid-1980's to about 57 percent

It is true that Pepsi's North American beverage business is on a roll. Coke spent an estimated \$500 million on advertising and promotions during the Olympics, but it was Pepsi-Cola that gained two market share points this summer in supermarkets, according to Information Resources Inc.

And its operating profit in the United States last year of \$1.15 billion dwarfed Coke's domestic take of \$840 million — even though Coke has a larger share of the market. "We make more here than Coca-Cola and Coca-Cola Enterprises combined," Mr. Weatherup said proudly, referring to Coke's spun-off bottling oper-

But boasting about Pepsi's strong showing at home can be misleading, because the saturated American beverage market offers nowhere near the growth opportunities found overseas, where Coke makes more than 80 percent of its profits. Pepsi's revenues from beverages sold overseas have increased from less than \$500 million 20 years ago to \$3.6 billion last year, but profits realized outside North America have stubbornly stuck at roughly \$190 million, compared with Coke's \$3.2 billion.

Mr. Weatherup has already shown an inclination to focus on operational details and to de-emphasize the glitzy - and expensive - marketing gimmicks the company is known for. That policy change might sound like heresy at a company that says it pioneered celebrity advertising, invented 99-cent meals, taken stuffed crust pizza national, made big bets on the marketing power of "low fat" and painted a Concorde blue to herald its new color scheme overseas.

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But Mr. Weatherup is unapologet-"We may have a great product and trademark, but if we have thin distribution, the wrong package sizes, the wrong price points and the wrong cost structure, we can't expeci the product and irademark to carry the day," he said. "I love marketing but this is a nuts-and-bolts business."

The true Pepsi challenge is its restaurant business. A fast-food operation is in many ways a property management business and, unlike beverages and snacks, requires gobs of capital investment while return-

ing relatively lean profits. At the moment only the smallest of Pepsico's three big restaurant units, KFC (formerly Kentucky Fried Chicken), is showing any signs of vigor, And its current success is regarded with some surprise inside the corporation, since it has been the perennial black sheep of Pepsico's restaurant family since it was

bought in 1986. Pizza Hut is suffering from a split personality, sometimes defining itself as a casual dining venue and sometimes acting as if it wants to take on Domino's in the no-frills, convenience department. And Taco Bell is still grappling with the lowprofit consequences of the price war it began several years ago. Sales in stores open at least one year dropped 10 percent at Pizza Hut and 3 percent at Taco Bell In the third quarter this year. KFC is chugging along, but the restaurant group's operating profits fell 9 percent.

"The restaurant business has always reminded me of a mole game." said one former executive. "Every' time you get one head down - one of the chains operating smoothly - another one pops up to give you trou-

make it a prime candidate for one of Wall Street's favorite tactics, the spinoff, in what has been the year of the spinoff: AT&T broke into its component parts, Premark International uncoupled its Tupperware unit and H & R Block announced plans to disengage from Compuserve. Now Pepsico tops everyooe's list.

The anticipation of investors grew with the arrival last month of Karl von der Heyden as chief financial officer. Mr. von der Hevden has a strong track record in the packaged food business. His vow to stay only one year, coupled with the fact that he engineered RJR Nabisco's partial spinoff of its food businesses, are being interpreted as a sure sign of some impending fancy financial footwork to increase shareholder value at Pepsico. "Von der Heyden isn't there to play C.F.O.," said Gary Black, an analyst at Sanford C. Bern-

stein. "He's there to do something." But other analysts predict Pepsico will concentrate on improving the restaurant business before trying to unload it. They note that the company is pushing ahead with the sale of its worst-performing stores to franchisees, thereby putting the restauranks in the hands of local operators with a vested interest in improving their efficiency and freeing Pepsico to do what it does best: tend to brand

"The schmo in lowa might be a better operator than Pepsi," said Henry R. Silverman, chairman and chief executive of HFS Inc., the world's largest hotel franchiser. "But the franchisor, in this case Pepsi, is presumably a better builder of brand names than the individual operator."

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Olmert, Meridor discuss plans for eastern **Jerusalem**

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert and Finance Minister Dan Meridor agreed yesterday to set up a joint municipal-ministry committee to work out the details of the proposed four-year development plan to improve conditions in the city's Arab

The move was seen by municipal officials as the first concrete step toward implementing the proposal, which calls for massive government investment in everything from roads to educa-

"I believe it is morally wroog for us to continue to speak of uoited Jerusalem, while oot doing more for development in the eastern part of the city, Meridor told reporters during an official tour of the city, lead by Olmert. The two met afterward for over an hour at City Hall.

Meridor said he was committed to the plan, but details of the state funding for it would be worked out by the joiot team.

"The municipality woo't get everything it is asking for, but funding will be given, and we aren't talking about only NIS 1

said figures in the tens of millions were discussed.

"I am pleased that we finally have a government that is listening to my calls for more government investment in east Jerusalem," Olmert said. "I bope to sooo report the good oews about a large government alloca-tioo to Arab residents of the

Meanwhile, construction will begin within weeks at Har Homa in southern Jerusalem, Olmert

Palestinian Authority Minister of Local Government Saeb Erekat, attacked the move as part of the government's "cootinuous attempts to kill the peace process."

But Olmert told the Associated

Press that "construction here is vital," as it would "create a continuity of Jewish residents" in Jerusalem.

Meridor also reiterated the government's commitment to building the oew Jewish neighborhood.

"If the previous government supported building at Har Homa, I don't see any reasoo millioo or NIS 10 million," wby our government shouldn't Meridor said. Municipal sources support building there," he said.



A prototype of the US Army's Comanche stealth helicopter, for which ELOP developed the laser targeting system.

ELOP laser system to be used on stealth 'copter

ELOP yesterday unveiled a new laser system designed for use on the US Army Comanche stealth helicopter, a project which the Israeli company entered after the failure of a giant US defense manufacturer to develop a similar sys-

Company executives said the laser is unique in that it can both target the enemy and gather data on range of the threat. The laser for the Comanche combines a new laser technology, called diode-pumped, as well as eye-safety for the user of the system, who is exposed to blinding laser beams. "The laser system for range-find-ing and terrest designation plays an

ing and target designation plays an important and central role in the helicopter's targeting navigation

system," Jacoh Toren, ELOP's

president said. Michael Richey, head of the US Army systems engineering project on the Comanche, agreed. "I don't

think anybody has a more advanced laser [than ELOP]," be said. The Comanche is set to be the first stealth helicopter in the US military. The belicopter is being built by two US companies, Boeing and Sikorsky, Lockheed Martin will provide the weapons system, and ELOP developed the laser rangefinder/designator.

Richey said the US Army plans to order 1,200 Comanche helicopters, with production to begin

STEVE RODAN in 2006. Six prototype Comanches

> The price for each ELOP system is still being negotiated, executives said. But Ken McGinty, director of the Comanche program for Lockheed, said the laser will be less than \$100,000 with an overall price for the helicopter estimated

are to be delivered to the army by

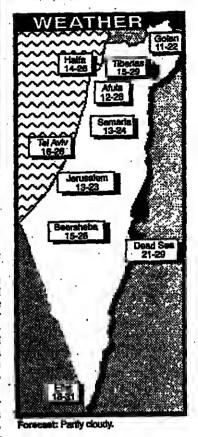
at S8.1 million. McGinty praised the joint project of Lockheed and ELOP, pointing out how one part of the weapons system was developed in the US and the other in Israel. "This is by far the most enjoyable and professional team that has worked

together," he said. "It proves we can do this at long distance."

ELOP entered the project in 1992 after a division of McDonnell Douglas failed to develop the diode-pumped laser, which is far more properful them the convenmore powerful than the conven-tional flash-lamp model. Lockieed executives said they searched for a replacement and found ELOP the only one with the available tech-

Both Lockheed and ELOP execntives said they hoped to win Pentagon contracts to outfit existing belicopters with the new laser system way before the first Comanches roll off the production line. Among the proposals is to install the system on the Apache attack belicopter.

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Winning cards

Suissa surprised many immigrants have forged papers

INTERIOR Minister Eliahu Suissa was shocked yesterday, when ministry staffers who deal with aliya from the CIS told him of the various frauduleot ways immigrants eoter the couotry and obtain olim rights.

One clerk showed Suissa 50 forged documeots which bad been used to bring some 200 people bere. Doing a quick calculation, Suissa determined that the state had speot more than \$10 millioo on these 200 people.

When such people are detected, the ministry tries to deport them, but this sometimes fails because their country of origin refuses to take them back One case brought to Suissa's

atteotion was that of three members of the Nazarov family of Jerusalem's Pisgat Ze'ev sec-

tioo. They arrived here in

Ben-Gurion Airport as olim by the Absorptioo Ministry and issued with ID oumbers,

Wheo they appeared at the loterior Ministry's Jerusalem office to get their ID cards, the clerk became suspicious of their documents, which the police later determined were forgeries.

It was later discovered that some 30 members of the family bad come bere at various times and been registered as citizens and as Jews.

The ministry is now seeking to have them deported. Soissa ooted that legitimate olim bave been turned away at the airport because the police computer shows that they are already here, someooe else haviog used forged papers to claim. their identity.

Tax authorities deny warrant issued for Murdoch's arrest RAINE MARCUS

INCOME tax authorities flatly rejected reports published in London yesterday that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of media magnate Rupert Murdoch, whose Jerusalem-based News Datacom Research company is allegedly involved in an \$150 mil-

lion tax evasion scheme. Two weeks ago, managers and former employees were questioned by tax investigators in connection with the alleged evasion, said to be the largest in the history of the state. No arrests have been made. News Datacom Research manufactures and exports smart cards

for pay TV systems.

Murdocb and the company accused one of the company's founders. Micbael Clinger, of framing NDR because of personal, legal, and financial battles being waged between Clinger and the Tax investigators are still wading

through piles of documents and computer software confiscated from NDR to determine whether offenses were committed, with or without Murdoch's knowledge.

In a statement issued yesterday. the tax authorities said no warrant has been issued for Murdoch and that Israeli authorities have not asked for his extradition from the

US or any other country.
"The articles published on this matter are based oo incorrect details and on mistaken understanding of procedures here," the statement said.

Tax investigators also visited law firms which represent the compaoy here. However, the lawyers refused to hand over material on the grounds of client/lawyer confi-

Rabin's daughter decries refusal to declare national mourning day

As a result, the lawyer's documents were given for safekeeping to the Tei Aviv and Jerusalem courts, which have not yet decided whether to hand them over to tax authorities.

Tax investigators believe the Bruish press did not understand the nature of the court request and interpreted it as a warrant for Murdoch's arrest "The court request filed has absolutely no connection with the arrest of any of the suspects involved in the case," the statement said, "but was THE winning cards in yesterday's

a request to examine all documen- Chance daily card draw were the tation regarding the lawyers' nine of spades, 10 of hearts, jack clients, News Datacom Research." of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

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DALIA Filosof, daughter of the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, yesterday lashed out at the government for refusing to declare a national day of mourning on the anniversary of his assassination,

saying the "petty decision makers" are afraid to deal with the great rift in the nation caused by the murder. Filosof, who spoke at the Histadrut parliament at a special memorial ceremony marking the first anniversary of Rabin's murder, said, "It was enough to walk in the streets oo the anniversary of the murder to find out that most of the nation was not impressed with the

petty decision makers. In the bottom of my heart I feel we all descrive a chilling siren, which would not enable us to forget, ever, what a Jew of this nation, who did not agree with the course of the elected prime minister, has done. Not for father, but for this people and its future.

"But when I walked in the street, and listened to the radio, I understood the meaning of national mounting. Not official recognition, but a common, popular feeling. Israel voted in its own way 'yes' to national mourning, and paid tribute in every possible way, as you are doing now, to a friend, a grandfather, and a father. Israel said to him, 'Friend, you are missed.' "

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assassination, members of the Meretz Party young guard will hold a vigil outside Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's home, on Jerusalem's Reboy Rahel Hameshoreret, to protest against Netanyahu's role in the incitement campaign that preceded the assassination. Netanyahu has never

Meretz activists. In other observances, the Likud's youth branch held a memorial ceremony last night at the party's Metzudat Ze'ev headquarters in Tel Aviv. Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon spoke of the need for toler-ance and preserving democratic

apologized for what he did, say

ilized debate that is fitting for a democratic society and not to allow bullets to determine events in the political arena. Defense Minister Yitzhak

values. He called for holding a civ-

Mordechai is to speak this morning at a ceremony at the entrance to the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv, where a monument to Rabin will be unveiled. The Council for Peace and

Security, which will hold a vigil in Kikar Rabin this morning, issued a statement saying "Members of the Council for Peace and Security salute our comrade the late Lt.-Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, prime minister, chief of staff of the Six Day War, and trailblazer for peace, who was murdered for his struggle in bringing peace and security to Israel. We will

Meanwhile, a transport helicopter will stage a record-breaking fly-past across the country today, toting a sign larger than two football fields bearing Rabin's image and reading, "We will remember you always."The five-hour flight is to begin at Shefayim and fly south along the coast twice where speciators, including members of Rabin's family, will be able to see it around noon. From there it will head east over Rehovot toward Jerusalem,

then circle west and head for Haifa. Organizers said the 640 square meter sign is the largest ever to be pulled by an aircraft and the feat will be entered into the Guiness Book of Records.

Arieh O'Sullivan and Itim contributed to this report.

Sharansky: Syria has launched a psychological war

"I BELIEVE Syria has begun a psychological war against Israel," Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sbaransky told

City.

DAVID HARRIS

The Jerusalem Post last night. "Syria has been sending the

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same message for the last three mooths," said Sharansky. "They say we as a government must give op all the Golan, up to the Kinneret, or else there'll be war. We must be ready. If we try to play this down, it shows we are

Sharansky's comments follow an interview published in Ha'aretz yesterday in which be said the best way to deal with repeated threats from Syria is to anticipate the worst.

"I am no military expert; but from a political standpoint; the way to neutralize threats and lessen the danger is to show that we, as a people, are ready." said Sharansky. "Instead of saying all the time that it is not serious - and I am oot saying that the government is saying this - we must start an information campaign, including talks in schools."

Sbaransky, however, poioted out he was interviewed prior to the visit of Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov. "Over the last few days, via Primakov, there've been better messages from Syria," said Sharansky. Furthermore, Primakov had told him Russia would oot support Syria if it launched an attack on Israel.



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Let's get right to the point: The Clinton Administration has not been candid with the American people about its intentions in Bosnia. It has been playing the worst sort of word games. And it will be lucky, very lucky, if those shenanigans don't come back to haunt it.

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When President Clinton first dispatched troops to Bosnia on Dec. 19, 1995, to support the Dayton peace accords, he said they would be there "about one year." While visiting Bosnia last spring, I noticed that my NATO press pass came with the expiration date filled in: "20/12/96." A few weeks ago, Secretary of Defense William Perry extended that "about one year" deadline to March 15, 1997. saying that a few extra months were needed for the gradual withdrawal.

Throughout the past year, though, even as it was becoming apparent that the Bosnia peace had not taken root enough for the Serbs, Muslims and Croats in be left on their own, most senior U.S. officials did all they could to dissuade the public that any U.S. troops would remain in Bosnia beyood the President's "about one year" deadline. In part, this was so the Bosnian factions would use the deadline to get their act together, but in part it was to avoid the political fallout from what officials have long known is inevitable: that some U.S. troops will have to stay in Bosnia for a long time, whether they are wearing NATO helmets, 1FOR helmets or New York Yankees caps. The White House ordered everyone in the Administration not to talk about extending the U.S. military presence in Bosnia before the U.S. election. It might cost

So Vice President Al Gnre appeared on "Face the Nation" on July 21 and declared: "We believe the mision will be completed by the eod of this year. ... There's no successor mission. That's hypothetical. We're not planning - we're not anticipating any such thing. We believe that the

The Clinton team misleads on Bosnia.

mission will be completed." The Washington Post quoted the Joint eis chairman, Gen. John Shalikashvill, as telling its editors in April that he was "absolutely convinced" that all U.S. troops would be out of Bosma by the end of this year and that he. "cannot imagine circumstances changing in such a way that we would remain in Bosnia."

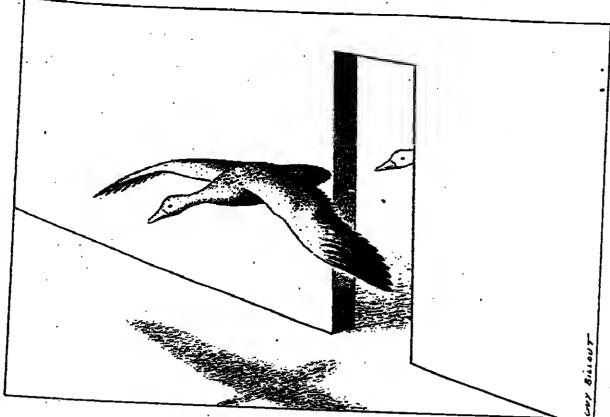
Even someone as honest and straightforward as Mr. Perry has gotten enmeshed in all this. When The New York Times quoted NATO officials last month as saying that Mr. Perry had "essentially signaled" the NATO allies that the U.S. would retain some ground troops in Bosnia, Mr. Perry denounced the story as "misleading." But when Times reporters rechecked with their sources, they reaffirmed the story, saying of Mr. Perry, "The more private the meetings, the more forthcoming he was."

Yes, technically, it's true that NATO hasn't made its "formal" tronp recommendation yet, so no "formal" decision has been taken. But by sheer coincidence NATO is scheduled to begin reviewing the troop options on Nov. 6 - the day after the election. What a coincidence!

The fact is U.S. officials have known for months that there will have to be a continued NATO presence in Bosnia and that the Europeans will only stay if the U.S. stays with them. But instead of being straight with the public, the Clinton White Hnuse opted

Watch out. If the Democrats win big this week, there are going to be a lot of angry Republicans around who just might want to get back at the President by using his own words to block his inevitable decision in extend the Bosnia U.S. peacekeeping mission. To avoid that, all the President had to say during the campaign was that because the U.S.-engineered peace in Bosnia has begun to work but needs more time to be consolidated, he will likely request some kind of limited, but extended, U.S. military presence there, if re-elected,

Such a statement, before the election, would have been a stand-up nave that would have enhanced the President's credibility and made it easier for him to do whatever he wanted on Bosnia afterward. But the Clinton team chose - don't kid yourself; they thought about this - they chase not to be candid. Instead of educating the American people on the real choices in Bosnia, they chose to exploit their ignorance. Maybe they will get away with it. But if they don't. if they run into a buzz saw in Congress and if the media start throwing the Administration's own words back in its face, the Clintonites will have no for Nonviolent Sociol Change. one to blame but themselves.



The Global Campaign

By Charles William Maynes

WASHINGTON ince the news broke that a couple connected with an Indonesian conglomerate, the Lippo Group, contributed hundreds of thousands nf dollars to the Democratic Party. journalists have been trying to discover whether the mooey was given illegally and, if so, whether the Clinton Administration might have given anything lo return.

Such speculation was heightened after it was learned that Vice President Al Gore attended a fund-raiser improperly held in a Buddhist temple near Los Angeles; questions have also been raised about Democratic fund-raising activities in Taiwan.

Perhaps, some critics conjectured, the Clinton Administration played down human rights abuses by the Indonesian Government in East Timor or ignored labor abuses at American-owned factories in Iodonesia that violated American laws or changed policy toward Asia in some as yet undetermined manner.

But it is difficult to see how the Administratioo's policies toward Indonesia of Talwan differ in any significant degree from those of the Bush Administration. Why then would foreign companies seek (if indeed they did) to influence the American electoral system?

The answer is that today politiclans receive large campaign contributlons less to gain new favors than tn protect existing ones. And for foreign companies the biggest, most important thing to protect is the openness of the American market.

Thus foreign companies contribute to the American political system for the same reason that Dwayne Andreas of Archer Daniels Midland gives money to both political parties: self-interest. Mr. Andreas wants to protect government subsidies at home that support his food processing business. Many foreign companles want to protect their ability to trade with the United States.

After all, free trade has helped create Asia's economic miracle. Asians refer to the strategy they are following as that of the flying geese. Japan was the first goose to make it into the American market, and it

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By Coretta Scott King

have a dream my four little

children will one day live in

a nation where they will not

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their skin, but by the con-

tent of their character."

Who would have thought, 33 years

after my husband, Martin Luther

King Jr., uttered those words that

their meaning would be distinted by

supporters of the California Civil

Rights Initiative, which-would elimi-

What my husband

said about

affirmative action.

nate state affirmative action plans.

My husband unequivocally support-

ed such programs. He did indeed

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Man of His Word

became rich and powerful in the process. Now the other geese - Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines — are following close behind. In 1995, the American trade imbalance with Indonesia was.\$4.1 billion; with Malaysia, \$8.7 billion, and with the Philippines, \$1.7 billion.

Foreign donors aren't the issue. The system is.

Indonesia is a particular success. When President Suharto seized power in 1967, the country had a per capita gross domestic product of \$70 a year, balf that of fodia and Bangladesh. In 1995, that figure had risen to \$1,000 - triple that of Bangladesh and more than double that of India. Strong export growth has been one of the keys to this strong performance. For example, Indooesia's exports to the United States rose from \$182 million in 1967 to \$6 billion in 1994.

Obviously, the Asian strategy will collapse if the American market closes, and even small trade restrictions mean the loss of tens of millions of dollars. If the Lippo Group gave money to the Democrats, it was likely seeo as insurance policy against a change in direction.

Similar motives probably drove subsidiaries of British tobacco companies to give large sums to the campaign of Bob Dole, who seems less likely than Mr. Clinton to push for strict regulations of cigarettes.

The rise of the global economy has only increased the stakes for foreign companies and governments. Many, if not most, believe that they simply cannot afford in stay out of American politics. Japan learned this many years ago, and now employs legions of Washington lobbyists.

The pressure to close our markets is real, and there are pockets of support for such efforts on Capitol Hill During the Congressinoal debate over the North American Free Trade Agreement and the World Trade Organization, many opponents warned that the United States would lose its sovereignty.

The charge was exaggerated. What is true is that the global economy itself has substantially changed

genuine equality of opportunity - re-

flected in reality, not just theory -

In a 1965 interview, when Martin

was asked about the fairness of the

idea of affirmative action, he replied:

"Can any fair-minded citizen deny

that the Negro has been deprived? ...

We have ample precedents for special

compensatory programs, which are

regarded as settlements. American

Indians are still being paid for land in

a settlement manner. Is not two centu-

ries of labor which helped build this

country, as real a commodity? And

will you remember that America

adopted a policy of special treatment

for millions of veterans after the war

than a policy of preferential treatment

to rehabilitate the traditionally disad-

vantaged Negro would cost today."

· Those who say that affirmative ac-

tion is no longer necessary rarely cite

statistics to support their argument,

for the evidence of continuing perva-

sive discrimination against minor-

ities and women is overwhelming. In-

deed, statistics, far from proving that

such programs are relics of a bygone

era, testify to how precarious our hold

a program which cost far more

would be fulfilled.

stake io this system — be they foreign companies or developing cnuntries - must do everything in their power to protect the openness that is conveying such benefits. It is naïve to believe that foreign interests can be dissuaded from trying to influence the Presidential and Congressional

form can dn that. On Friday, both President Clinton and Mr. Dole Issued calls for such reform. But because of the sudden interest in foreign money, there is a danger that Americans will now overlook the contributions of many large domestic interests. What we need is a system of campaign financing that will allow the American people to have a political debate that is not twisted by money. For that, we will need reform that limits the impact of big money on politics and politicians, whether it comes from home or abroad.

traditional concepts of sovereignty. The world economy, which on the whole has brought great benefits to many countries, including the United States, can operate only with open markets, a free exchange of currency and minimal government interference. All countries, including the most powerful, must obey these rules

tn prosper. At the same time, anybody with a

Only real campaign finance re-

Liberties

MAUREEN DOWD Seducing History

SAN ANTONIO

Bill Clinton isn't worried about Bob Dole lurching around the clock from bowling alleys to diners, looking for even fewer people at stranger hours. He's worried about history. He's worried about greatness. He's worried about becoming Grover Cleveland.

The real Clinton campaign.

The President doesn't want to make history as the first Democrat since F.D.R. to win twn terms, only to disappear into the second rank of forgettable Presidents.

So he travels the country on an absorbing odyssey of self-discovery, puzzling over how he might transform himself from a virtuoso pol, the Tiger Woods of the rope line, to a virtuoso President.

That is why a certain grandiosity creeps into his speeches at times. Just as Mr. Clinton is the only President who still social climbs and plays the Hallywood groupie, so he is the only President who feels the need to dramatize his jnb description.

'And when I get up and I go to work nn trying to keep people from killing each other in Bosnia, or trying in resolve the problems of the Middle East, or trying to resolve the problems in Northern freland, when I sent our troops to Rwanda with the French in stop the starvation of hundreds of thousands of people ... " he told a crowd in Oakland the other day.

President Bush shied from the personal pronoun, mocking it as "the big 1." Bob Dole avoids It by using the third person. But Mr. Clinton so liberally uses the words "f" and "we," talking about being the first and most and best "in history," that he sometimes comes across as a combination of Albert Schweltzer, Bill Gates and Donald Trump.

"We now know how to move drugs and mix drugs in a way that has more than doubled the life expectancy for people with H.f.V. and AIDS in only four years. . . .

"We now know that for the first time in history, laboratory animals, with their spines completely severed, have shown movement in their lower limbs because of nerve transplants.

Historical Creations

... If we can do that for people we can revolutionize life in America for so many of our fellow citizens.

"The Internet, which a lot of you are on, was started as a Government research project. ... We know now how fast we're going. Four years ago only physicists knew about the loternet."

Mr. Clinton treats the rope line like a revival meeting: "And then I met a young man who said he'd given up all hope, but he listened to what I was saying and he believed he could make something of himself again."

Elmer Gantry would be impressed with the testimony Mr. Clinton says he gathered in 10 minutes shaking hands: A professor who, thanks to a Bill Clinton research grant, says he will cure Parkinson's disease; a man who, thanks to Bill Clinton's familyleave law, was able to adopt a baby without his wife insing her job; a dropout who, thanks to a Bill Clinton student loan, will study microbiology, and three breast cancer survivors who, thanks to Bill Clinton research money, hope to see the disease whipped.

There are mnments when you fear the President is about to start laying. on hands. After an El Paso rally, he was so eager to get close to the faithful that he stepped forward, inside the bottom rope. The Secret Service had to untangle his legs, as though he were a calf caught in a fence.

Mr. Clinton's aides say he is wistful as the race ends, just as Bob Dole is wistful. Both men will no longer be able to do what they love best. Mr. Dole will no longer have the well of the Senate. Mr. Clinton will no longer have

But Mr. Clinton has begun a new campaign, this time for immortality - trying to look over the horizoo beyond the messy scandais that threateo to taint his encyclopedia entry. He casts things with historical sweep. At a rally here yesterday, he said that when he fought Republicans over the budget, "I thought of the Alamo."

In this campaign, he has presented himself as a protege to the oation, as a young Presideot who overreached and expedited and made mistakes but plans to fix them, and he has woo the love of the voters. Now he craves a majority vote.

But the moist towelette of American politics oeeds to soak up even more love, the love of generations yet unborn. So he will try to seduce history. "If we do it right," he says of the oext four years, "it will be the most remarkable experience in democracy ever, ever."

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their skin. But be often said that programs and reforms were needed to hasten the day when his dream of Coretta Scott King is the founder of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center

is on equal opportunity and how discrimination in our society persists. Like my busband, I strongly believe

that affirmative action bas merit not only for promoting justice, but also for bealing and unifying society. 1 urge Californians to set a standard of conscience for the rest of the nation. by standing up for programs that provide a small measure of opportunity for minorities and women.

Now It's a Son Allowing Gena Rowlands to Shine

By MARGY ROCHLIN

LOS ÁNGELES HERE is something familiar, almost mythic, about the sight of Gena Rowlands striding up the hallway of her Hollywood Hills residence. Her presence in this narrow. photograph-lined corridor, as well as the living room, staircase and bedrooms, has been captured in almost every film that Ms. Rowlands's husband, John Cassavetes, wrote and directed and she starred in.

In faci, Mr. Cassavetes, who died in 1989, so often used his home as a movie set that it has become part of independent film lore how the sleepy-eyed Cassavetes family would regularly begin their mornings by picking their way to the breakfast table through a forest of cameras, light stands and electrical equipment. This white two-story dwelling is also considered historic because the couple relied upon it to help finance Mr. Cassavetes's messy emotional dramas, mortgaging the property "endlessly," says Ms. Rowlands, laughing.
"Endlessly," she repeats.

It has been 12 years since these rooms served as base camp to a film crew. But spend a few hours with Ms. Rowlands in her wood-paneled den with the glass-topped coffee table and the stack of Christmas catalogues, and you'll see she is hardly alone. A pair of middle-aged assistants are scuttling around her home office. And Ms. Rowlands's youngest daughter. Zoe, who is 26, barefoot and in faded sweats, will make a cameo appearance. ("I'm sorry," Zoe apologizes as she is spotted creeping with exaggerated stealth toward the bar refrigerator. "I really want a Diet Coke." Another daughter, Xan, is 31 and a singer.) 5till, compared with the bustle of the old days, the house must feel practically deserted.

This month, in her latest film. "Unhook the Stars," the 66-year-old Ms. Rowlands portrays a character who is struggling to sort out what to do about a life that has literally been de-populated. Her character, Mildred, is an ordinary suburban widow who can't bear the isolation consigned to most women who are no longer needed by their offspring and no longer in possession of a spouse. Her punkish, slatternly neighbor (Marisa Tomei) takes one look at the way Mildred's half-smile is set at

the no-pay baby sitter of her young son (Jake Lloyd).

The rest of "Unhook the Stars" is about the friendship between the older housewife and the little boy, and how the connection opens up both of their worlds. The film, which opened on Friday, has not always fared as well as its star, who has received glowing notices for her performance.

Although one could potot out that

this isn't the first time in Ms. Rowlands's 38-year movie career that she has been cast as a parental type, mostly she has portrayed rather questionable Mom figures - the gun-wielding tough gal in "Gloria" or the full-blown fruitcake of "A Woman Under the Influence," two films that won her Academy Award nominations. (In the 1968 film "Faces," she had one of her decidedly non-mom roles.) In the end, it took Ms. Rowlands's own son, the 37year-old Nick Cassaveies, to showcase her as a skilled nurturer. Mr. Cassavetes not only directed "Unhook the 5tars" and wrote it with Helen Caldwell but somehow had faith that he and his mother could team up for his behind the camera debut and not have things dissolve

into an Oedipal disaster. "Films are always a crap shoot," admits Mr. Cassavetes, whose emergence as a director has surprised those who know him better as the romantic lead in erotic B-movies like "Sins of Desire," also starring Tanya Roberts, a former Charlie's Angel "But however great an actress she is, Gena is an even more amazing person. There will always be relatives to whom you will never not be the kid who picked his nose or. did something stupid. But Gena never puts that on you. She took me and the project very seriously."

The two learned each other's work habits on the job. Ms. Rowlands got used to being addressed as Mom by a son who had always preferred to call her by her first name. Mr. Cassavetes learned to do things like gently remind his world-class actress mother that he didn't share his father's fondness for occasional lmprovisation.

"He said: 'Um, Mom? Would you like to see the lines?"" Ms. Rowlands says. "And I said: 'Uh, no. Would you like to hear the lines?' And he sald, 'Yeah, why not give them a shot?' So I did."

It is an underlying premise of "Unhook the Stars," that as is often the case in life, tlny fears are what eager-to-please and employs her as keep people apart and simple gestures are what bring them together. Maybe that's why Ms. Rowlands seems to go out of her way to disarm her co-stars, many of whom quake at the notion of working with a leading lady who is regarded as one of the finest of her generation.

"Yeah, I was nervous and excited," says Ms. Tomei, whose fears were partly alleviated by what Ms. Rowlands wore the day Ms. Tomei arrived at the Salt Lake City location. "She was wearing a little baseball cap and matching uniform," Ms. Tomei says. "She came over and gave me this big hug. And we just started talking. Her whole modus operandi is 10 make the best film possible, and what that comes out of is people sharing passion for the Unfortunately, it takes more than

Ms. Rowlands's supreme professionalism to make that happen. In the seven years stace her husband died of cirrhosis of the liver, few film makers have seemed to know exactly what to do with her. The director Jim Jarmusch shrewdly positioned Ms. Rowlands as a brassy casting director in his 1991 picture "Night on Earth." But in Lasse Hallstrom's "Once Around" (1991) and "Something to Talk About" (1995), Ms. Rowlands hovered on the edges of the story, there to lecture or console her troubled brood, then disappear back into the shadows. And Linda Yellen's "Parallel Lives" (1994) managed to dither away not only Ms. Rowlands's capacious talents but also those of Ben Gazzara, who also starred in many of Mr. Cassavetes's personal projects.

"It's hard," says Ms. Rowlands, who prepares for each job meticulously, mulling over motivation and appearance, poring over the script until it tatters. "But you can't always have it your own way. And God knows I've had a lot of it. You still work the same; you prepare the same. And it's an interesting discipline, really, to see if the way you prepare still holds up. I always try to find something that I've never done. Like the light comedy scene in 'Something to Talk About,' I'd never done light comedy before."

But there is scort dramatic terestory where she hasn't staked her claim. The daughter of a state senator and amateur artist, the Wisconsin-born Ms. Rowlands got her first real break in 1956, playing opposite Edward G. Robinson in Paddy Chayefsky's play "Middle of the Night," But it was her turn at the American Academy of Dramatic



Gena Rowlands with Jake Lloyd in "Unhook the Stars," about a widow's healing friendship with a boy.

Arts that is considered more pivotal by Ms. Rowlands's fans. After deliveriog her final lines io something called "Dangerous Corners," she found herself backstage, being asked out on a date by an audience member. Four months later, the aspiring actor and the leggy blond ingenue were married

John wasn't shy is Ms. Rowlands s concise deconstruction of the whirlwind courtship.

While Ms. Rowlands has always been a hor property in cinema, television and on the stage, nothing has compared to the intensity of her collaborations with Mr. Cassavetes, In script after script, he featured Ms. Rowlands as the psychologically troubled linchpin around whom members of his unofficial ensemble company - Mr. Gazzara. Peter Falk, Seymour Cassell - Huttered with macho confusion.

With each outing, Mr. Cassavetes gave his wife the opportunity that few cool movie beautles are afforded: 10 be as physical as any comic sldekick, routinely celebrated when she forsook vanity in favor of screwing her lipsticky mouth sideways or collapsing face down on the floor.

"He was an author who was ahead of his time," says Ms. Rowlands, who willingly proffers anecdotes about Mr. Cassavetes but seems disinclined to answer direct questions about him. Will she share what she misses most about their heyday?

"No," Ms. Rowlands replies, with a smile that is tight with grief.

When she agreed to do "Night on Earth," Mr. Jarmusch was unaware that Ms. Rowlands, who stuck to television and stage appearances following her husband's demise, had chosen to make his movie when she was still somewhat vulnerable. Upon reflection, though, Mr. Jarmusch says there were obvious clues.

"I found myself getting these realtouching phone calls from Ben Gazzara, 5eymour Cassell and Peter Falk," says Mr. Jarmusch, who now thinks of Ms. Rowlands as the center of a huge, extended clan made up of her children, other blood relations and guys who palled around with Mr. Cassavetes. "It was like they were her three brothers, just checking up on her, seeing how she was doing. Like, Peter Falk, who I have still never even met, would call and say: 'Jarmusch? It's Falk. How's Gena?

POKER SET BY MANNY NOSOWSKY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Everything good?""

These days, it appears that filmgoers are in the ecstatic throes of Rowlands-mania. Several weeks ago, in Los Angeles, the A.F.I. Fest presented a special "Tribute to Gena Rowlands" event on its eclectic roster. Sharon Stone's recent announcement of her intention to star in the remake of "Gloria" (Ms. Rowlands's 1980 film, directed by her husband) made it to the front page of Daily Variety.

And on Dec. 6, the Anthology Film Archive on the Lower East Side of Manhattan will kick off a Gena Rowlands retrospective, offering 10 consecutive dates on which anyone with \$7 can have the pleasure of her mysterious brown eyes beaming down from the big screen.

One unlikely to purchase a ticket would be the former New Yorker film critic Pauline Kael, who occasionally managed to dredge up compliments for Ms. Rowlands's acting but regularly trashed Mr. Cassavetes's oeuvre with lines like "he prolongs shots to the point of embarrassment (and beyond).

"It was a personal thing between her and John," Ms. Rowlands says. "She didn't like him, didn't like the work.

Not Just Sean Penn's Brother

Chris Penn

Lieutenant.

brother, Chez

be mistaken for someone else for

Gleason's gym oo the Brooklyn wa-

terfront, Mr. Penn heads back to

Manhattan. He definitely wants to

look for a new blazer, which he will

need for the premiere. "The Fu-

neral." a 1930's gangster drama set

in New York, is by the bad-boy direc-

tor Abel Ferrara, whose films in-

clude "King of New York" and "Bad

The movie, which opened on Fri-

day, focuses on three midlevel rack-

eteers called the Tempio brothers

(played by Mr. Penn, Christopher

Walken and Vincent Gallo), who are

ice Film Festival awarded him the

"It was a very rich performance,

very powerful but also very vulnera-

ble," says Paul Auster, who was one

of the judges. "He showed a range

that I always knew he was capable of

but that few directors have allowed

hoarse voice: "Winning at Venice

was a big surprise. I'm not a stroke-

me, stroke-me guy, but it was nice."

the director's first choice for "The

Funeral" Mr. Ferrara initially

wanted Vincent D'Onofrio for the

part, But when Mr. D'Onofrio

backed out, Nicolas Cage, who was

originally in the cast, recommended

ra of Mr. Penn, who is, in fact, third-

generation Irisb-American, "but

there's an Italian in him, an ethnici-

ty, a code. He has that soulfulness

"He isn't Italian," says Mr. Ferra-

his longtime pal Mr. Penn.

Mr. Penn adds, in his persistently

As it turned out, Mr. Penn was not

prize for best supporting actor.

After a kick-boxing workout at

By DEVON JACKSON .

EVER mind the torrential downpour or the twilight darkness on this Saturday afternoon in New York. Disregard, too, the fact that he's nearly drenched in his hooded navy sweatshirt, blue Levis and black cowboy boots, and that he charges in and out of stores and restaurants with a bulk and a low center of gravity befitting his roots as a former high school wrestler. On screen or off, wet or dry, Chris Penn already seems hazily recognizable.

For one thing, he is the younger brother, by five years, of Sean Penn, though both are quick to dispel any notions of sibling rivalry. "If you don't have it," says Sean, "you don't even know how somebody could. We're fine." And Chris adds: "Even if, God forbid, I wasn't bis brother, I'd much rather be his brother than not. I love my brother."

Chris Penn, at age 31 the veterao of some two dozen movies, has arrived in town from 5outh Carolina, where he is shooting "Liar" with Tim Roth. Mr. Penn is spending a day working out at a gym, shopping and bar hopping in lower Manhattan before attending to matters like a forthcoming premiere for his latest movie, "The Funeral."

"Hey, aren't you — Sean Penn's little brother?" asks one of three men at Cha Cha's cafe in Little Italy who offer to buy him a drink.

"Yes," he says politely, accepting the offer. Soon he's at 11 Cortile, another spot

in Little Italy. "I loved your performance in 'Reservoir Dogs' and in 'At Close Range' too," says one of two fortyish

"Thank you," says Mr. Penn, graciously accepting their offer to send a bottle of Barolo red to his table. (He drank some and pocketed the bottle for later.)

Then he heads for Raspberry 5port, a clothing store. "You were in that movie with

James Earl Jones, right?" asks the young clerk "Yeah," Mr. Penn confesses mat-

ter-of-factly, as he poses for a pointand-shoot snapshot of him with the store's manager. "'Best of the Best." Wasn't he also that guy in "The Crossing Guard," a movie directed

by his brother Sean? Well, no, that was David Morse. But Chris Peon fresh from a triumph at the Venice Film Festival and with a batch of recent films under his belt — won't Ms. Rossellini, who plays Mr.

I first met hlm, I felt that there was something irrational about him. But there was a vulnerableness to him too. He brought to the character this uneasiness, yet even if you're afraid of him - he's physically so big and kind of frightening - your heart still goes out to him."

Chez really, needed."

Mr. Penn has already completed three other films set to come out next year: "Under the Hula Moon." "Sacred Cargo" and "The Boy's Club." A fourth film is in preproduction, and there are three more Mr. Penn wants to produce and star in. But he has a particular fondness for The Funeral."

"I wanted to do anything I could to get this movie made," he says. "An actor can be really, really great, but unless he gets the parts, you'll never know. A 'Funeral' only gets handed in your lap once in a blue moon."

"I've always been seen as Sean's younger brother, and I probably still am, but that's O.K. This movie has brought to the surface what I already know: I'm a legitimate actor on my own. It let people know that even if I wasn't his brother, I'd still be a damn good actor."

His brother Sean says: "He's finding his voice. He used to be acting Neal Cassady; now he's turning into

at odds with their wives and with one Sean had once wanted to put his another. Also starring Isabella Rosyounger brother in one of his films, sellini, Annabella Sciorra and Benibut Chris had not been ready for it. cio Del Toro, the film centers on Mr. 'My dream is to write a part he Penn as the volatile, tortured middle wants to do, and to direct him in something," Sean Penn says. -in September, the jury at the Ven-

Chris Penn was born in Burbank Calif. (he still lives in Los Angeles), the third son of the director Leo Penn and the actress Eileen Ryan; the oldest Penn son, Michael, is a singer-songwriter. Chris Penn attended Santa Monica High School for only two years and made his movie debut in 1983 in Francis Ford Coppola's "Rumble Fish."

5ince then, the six-feet-tall, 250pound one-time professional boxer and avid singer (he sings in clubs, when they let him) has been seen in everything from art films like "The Music of Chance" to box-office fluff like "Footloose." Off screen, however, he developed a nasty cocaine and alcohol abuse problem.

Between 1986 and 1990, he made only two movies, and his indifferent approach to work, family and friends nearly ruined him. It was his older brother, no stranger to Breathalyzers and controversy, who helped him find his way back.

"Sean was very supportive," Mr. Penn says. "He helped me get my life back on track."

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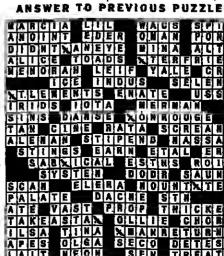
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A recent ceremony honoring a German Righteous Gentile opened the floodgates to memories of one doctor's remarkable heroism. Amy Klein reports

HIS past Tuesday, Yad Vashem held a ceremony to honor Dr. Bertram, who had been posthumously presented the "Righteous Gentile" award in 1980, five years after his death. Among the 70 people who attended the ceremony were Dr. Bertram's children, some of the girls Dr. Bertram had saved, and the Lord Mayor and citizens of the town of Gelsenkirchen - all members of the Association of Jewish-Christian Cooperation in Gelsenkirchen.

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The ceremony follows the recent dedication of a hospital square and other commemorative ceremonies in memory of Bertram by the town of Gelsenkirchen. Even after Bertram was given the "Righteons Gentile" award, his activities had beeo kept under wraps by his family until recently, when Yad vashem sought permission to hold this ceremony and make his activi-

"It was always a given for us that

our father was a hero," explains Dr. good life. That was his motiva-Adelheid Pagenstert, Bertram's tion." daughter. She says about the most recent publicity that "it is difficult to express that to strangers and show it in public." Her sister Ortrud Bertram-Kathol says: "He treated all these things quite dis-creetly, he didn't believe he was special. If you are a doctor and a Christian, you have to help peo-

Bertram-Kathol was born after the war and remembers hearing about her father's activities in the course of growing up. "As children we thought it was nothing extraordinary. Only when we grew older it became apparent. Now we know,"

To date, of the 1,500 Righteous Gentile awards given, only 303 have been to Germans. Kathol says, "He oever expected any thanks. It was enough for him to get letters from the women that he saved, that they were leading a

"It was raining. It was night. I was 14 years old. My sisters, Olga under the bridge. A priest took (me

"Dr. Bertram pulled me out of the

Fifty-two years ago they too had run into the open fields during the Allied bombing. Both were wound-

ed, Rosa in the legs. Bertram found

them and treated them in the hospi-

BY MAY 1944, approximately 2,000 young Hungarian women had been shipped to Gelsenkirchen from Anschwitz to do slave labor in the factories near the city. The town is located near Essen in Westphalia, which was beavily industrialized it was therefore subject to saturation bombing by the Allies almost every night. The Jewish women were not allowed to enter the bomb shelters.

On the night of September 12, 1944, the bombing was especially intense. St. Joseph's Catholic hospital was located near the factories. The head surgeon, Bertram, went out and found as many women as possible and brought them into the hospital for treatment. They were all seriously wounded. Bertram and his staff of nuns and lay people treated these women.

and Blanca, and I got scared and ran into the fields. We were in uniform, and we had no hair, and the Allies must have thought we were soldiers and kept bombing," says Peri Hirsch, about that fateful night. "I ran under the bridge and I saw some girls badly wounded. My dress was all bloody. I was standing in] then they bombed the bridge. I would have been killed," she says.

rain. I didn't realize that one of my sisters had been killed; and one had been wounded," says Hirsch. She then ran back to the labor camp because she was afraid: "I had no idea who he was. He might have been a doctor doing experiments." A few days later, Hirsch had found out that her sister Blanca, who was seriously injured in the bombing. had been taken in and was being treated by Bertram. Peri was smuggled out of the camp to visit her sister, who spent months in the hospital under Bertram's care, but subsequently died from her injuries. Hirsch flew in from New York

with her husband to honor Bertram. DORI POLLACK and Rosa Pasternak are two frail, elderly women, sisters, each with white hair and a bundle of deep wrinkles. the Nazis discovered their presence and sent them on a four-week death march - which they survived, and from which they were subsequent-

Though Pasternak still has a hard time walking, because of her injuries from the night of bombing. both say that they would not be alive today if Bertram had not taken them in that night. "He deserved this [ceremony]." says Pollack, the less reticent of the two. There is no one in the world as good as Dr. Bertram."

ly liberated.

BERTRAM was born in Zanerland. a small town in Germany, in 1893. During the First World War, he was taken prisoner in Siberia. After he fled Siberia, Bertram once confided to his daughter Ortrud that he vowed to help everybody - especially prisoners.

In 1936, Bertram, then a surgeon in Hamburg, was arrested and charged as a traitor. He had not kept his views of the new government a secret. Ortrud tells how her father realized even then what was not so apparent. How they are treating people, this cannot be right," he had said. One of his colleagues had reported Bertram to the police. It was only because of the intervention of a high-ranking officer - a man whom Bertram had

treated - that he was released. St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital in Gelsenkirchen had probably chosen Bertram partly because of his didn't act as our father did - we political scutiments, and his ordeal. know from our parents how diffi- Gelsenkirchen. He says that the she says, "that the best way of edu-

throughout the war. He worked until he was 80 years old, two years before his death in 1975.

After being released from arrest, Dr. Bertram served as chief surgeon at St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital, working there until age 80.

Both he and his wife were doctors, as were five out of six of his children (Ortrud is a teacher). Five of the Bertram children are still living - spread all over Germany, and three of them came to Israel for the ceremony. "Our father saw a great task in us [his children] as with any children he came into contact with," says Dr. Adelheid Pagenstert, the elder of the sisters. "He didn't speak much, but he acted." Her sister interrupts: "All the other children were jealous that

we had such a fim father." They describe a complex man: Hardworking but always spending time with his children. He was happy that democracy had come to Germany, but he was critical of all institutions, including the church. And yet he prayed in mass at church every morning before work. "He had told me that had had to be thankful," Ortrud says, "he said, how can you survive such responsibility if you don't ask God forhelp every single day?""

From the testimony of his children and the survivors, it is clear that Bertram was a special person. But what do his children think of the people who did not engage in what was, for that time, "heroic" activity?

"There were two sorts of people He served as chief surgeon there cult it was. Everyone risked their biggest problem facing their small cation is by example."

life. He said that he was lucky that he was able to help," Ormud explains about their and their father's lack of negativity towards other Germans. "He didn't judge people personally. He always said that it depended on the individual's

THESE MEMORIALS of Bertram come at a time when the question of individual Germans' responsibility for the the Holocaust is particu-

strength and courage."

"I think that whoever could have helped did," says Gerra Tunis, with a slight edge in her voice. Her father was Bernam's head nurse during the war and purportedly knew of, and aided, Bertram in his activities, though he did not talk about it with his family.

Tunis now serves as a secretary to the Association of Jewish-Christian Cooperation Gelsenkirchen. The organization was founded five years ago "to improve the relations between the Jews in Gelsenkirchen and the Christians there," says Klaus Tochtromp, the president of the Organization and leader of the delegation from Gelsenkirchen.

In the small town of 290,000. there are 150 official members of the Association of Jewish-Christian Cooperation. The Jewish community there is estimated at 200. "It's good that these people are doing says Mr. Os head of the Jewish community in did: "We saw him act and we knew."

community is that "there are no young people."

Osterwiecz, who was born in Lodz and remained in Germany after his time in Dachau during the war, says that on a personal level. he doesn't have much to do with the German community, but he respects their efforts because it is important to educate the young.

Johannes Fronneman, the vice president of the association, is a Protestant minister who has led groups to Israel a oumber of times. Because he was born after the war, he does not feel personally responsible for the Holocaust, but he says that it does mean something to be "a member of the nation who was responsible for that." Now, he says, Germany "has a special duty to learn, more than other nations." He points out that today, with the unemployment rate at 15%, people can blame foreigners. Today, the Jews are not the electoral problem. But we have to connect with what happened then and now it is our duty to understand people, all people who suffer."

"We will try to teach our children," says Adelheid, reflecting on her day at Yad Vashem which has brought her new perspectives and feelings about the Holocaust and her father. Unlike Adelheid Pagenstert, mother of six, Ortrud has no children of her own except her many students. She says that she hopes to teach tolerance

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According to his daughter Ortrud, Dr. Bertram 'didn't judge people personally. He always said that it depended on the individual's strength and courage.'

Good news for our lungs: Decrease of pollutants

years, the amount of carbon monoxide - one of the most important air-pollutants we breathe - has not increased. In fact, to the surprise of everyone, it has actually decreased. A report

(NOAA) shows that carbon monoxide in the atmosphere has dropped hy as much as seven percent or more in both hemispheres over the past three years, and that there is a significant decrease in methane and nitrous oxide while carbon dioxide has stabilized during the same period.

This is in contrast to both past reports and scieotists' predictions. Over the past 30 years or more, carbon monoxide levels have increased annually by 1 to 2 percent, and it has been estimated that the amount of this gas, as a by allowing the entry of more

OR the past two-and-a-half component of the air we breathe, years, the amount of carbon has doubled since the beginning of the industrial revolution.

Using measurements from 27 monitoring stations located in a wide variety of places including Alaska, Samoa, Tasmania and the issued by the US government's Seychelles, the staff of the NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Seychelles, the staff of the NOAA are convinced that there is a definite down trend in these emis-Seychelles, the staff of the NOAA sions, but so far they aren't sure why it is happening or whether it marks the beginning of a perma-

nent atmospheric clean-up.

Some researchers say that the efforts being made in Europe and North America to cut down oo vehicular emissions of carboo monoxide by the use of catalytic converters coupled with the drastic decrease of biomass burning by farmers, particularly in the Amazon basin, could be responsible, while others think that the thinning of the ozone layer may,

EARTHLY CONCERNS D'YORA BEN SHAUL

ultraviolet light, he causing an increase in the production of hydroxyl radicals.

It is the hydroxyl radicals that oxidize most pollutants, but in recent years there has been growing concern that the ability of these radicals to do the joh has been overtaxed by a surplus of methane, carbon monoxide and sulphur dioxide in the atmos-

This has, they say, resulted in pollutants remaining in the atmos-

phere for extended periods. It is especially carbon monoxide that serves as the prime "user" of hydroxyl radicals, and Joel Levine at NASA's research center in the US has calculated that this gas was responsible for at least 25 percent in the decline of atmospheric quality between 1950 and 1985.

This means that if less carbon monoxide is being emitted, there would be more hydroxyl radicals

free to remove other pollutants. Some scientists, however, feel that this may be only a temporary decrease, and that the mid-1991 eruption of Mt. Pinatubo volcano in the Philippines may have something to do with the shift. They point out that the eruption released many different gases into the atmosphere, and that there may also have been an increase in

hydroxyls. This, added to other large volcanic eruptions that have hap-

pened since then might be enough to tip the scales, some scientists claim. They also mention the El. Nino event hetween 1991 and 1993 when the ocean currents and winds in the Pacific switched direction.

This, they say, might have caused some activity that is not yet understood. Whatever the reasoo, for the moment the downward trend for atmospheric pollutants is encouraging, and if it is, as many believe, due to a reduction in carboo monoxide emissions from cars, factories and huming of hiomass then that is the best news of all because it also shows us what needs to be done.



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October budget deficit NIS 1.03b.

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THE government budget deficit in October totalled NIS 1.029 billion, according to initial Finance Ministry figures published yester-

day.
The deficit from January reached NIS 9.782b., comprising some NIS 101.2b. in expenditure and revenue of NIS 91.4b.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor said budget deficit figures in October and September were lower than Treasury expectations. However, the total deficit since January is already NIS 2.18b. higher than the Treasury prediction of NIS 7.6b. for the entire

The laiest figures attest to the relative success of the govern-ment's budgetary control, said Meridor.

October government spending reached NIS 9.621b. with income at NIS 8.592b.

Meanwhile, Meridor said the Finance Ministry will take charge of budget negotiations with coalition partners. That was decided at a meeting between Meridor and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last Friday.

Despite the varying demands of coalition partners, Meridor said it is sull vital to retain the overall format of the budget proposals, including the NIS 4.9b. cuts.

"Were it not for the different demands - problems with the budget, coalition demands, expenditure and cuts troubles - there'd be no need for a finance minister," said Meridor.

While Treasury and Prime Minister's Office officials said it is inevitable there will be additional budget cnts, probably before the end of the year, Meridor said it will only be possible to gauge whether a further cut will be needed when the figures for the entire year become avail-

US aid boosts forex reserves

Jerusalem Post Staff

FOREIGN-CURRENCY reserves rose last month to an all-time record of \$11.68 billion, the Bank of Israel yesterday said. The figure reflects an increase of

\$1.418b. on the previous month. The central bank attributed this development, among other factors, to transfers of economic aid from the US government, which totaled \$1.2b. The aid arrived last month and was transferred to the government's accounts November I.

Beyond the aid factor, foreigncurrency reserves have been on the rise consistently since June, when they last registered a monthly decline - from \$9.25b. to \$8.89b.

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Government to sell 10% of Leumi on Wall Street, London exchange next year

TEN percent of Bank Leumi's shares will be sold on the London Stock Exchange and American Stock Exchange in the first half of next year, senior government sources involved with the planning and execution of its privati-zation plans said yesterday.

The government has been trying to privatize its banks for the last few years, though its efforts were met with difficulties due to a series of constraints, including the agricultural sector's excessive debts to the banks, a slump on the local capital market, and political instability. Still, the sales of Bank Leumi, Bank Discount, United Mizrahi Bank and Bank Hapoalim are in vrious degrees of execution.

MI Holdings, the government firm in charge of selling the state's banks, last week told Bank Leumi management to prepare a prospectus for the offering. The offering will be based on Bank Leumi's financial statements for December 1996, which will be published toward the end of the first quarter of 1997.

The government intends to offer Global

Depositary Receipts (GDRs) which will be listed on the London Stock Exchange and American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) in New York to institutional investors. The ADRs will not he listed on the stock exchange. About 20% of Bank Leumi's shares are currently traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

"It is too soon to discuss details," said MI

Holdings general manager Meir Yacobson yes-The government last held a public offering of Bank Leumi's shares in 1993 when it sold 13%

of the stock. A tender process to buy a control-ling share in 1994 failed, after the Safra Group withdrew from the bidding. In order to hasten the banking sector's privatization process, MI Holdings recently

decided to start selling packages of shares in the banks, rather than seek individual investors or consortia which who would puras 20% of the bank's shares.

In the past, plans to sell controlling interests in the banks hit difficulties, mainly because the government had trouble finding potential buyers able to raise sufficient capital and meet government and Bank of Israel criteria for bank ownership. For example, Bank Hapoalim's privatization has been at a virtual standstill in recent months, largely because the Fishman consortium, the only group of investors negoriating to purchase a controlling stake in the bank, are having trouble meeting the central bank's conditions.

Against this backdrop, Bank of Israel sources yesterday said Leumi's planned 10% float "sounde like a plausible idea," since an increased volume of floated shares would in turn increase the chances for prospective controlling-share purchasers to surface on or off the various trading floors, while Jerusalem's regulators can then have sufficient time in order to look into that buyer's elgibility to turn

Ravitz: Curtail central bank's freedom

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

KNESSET Finance Committee Chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) yesterday said the independence of the Bank of Israel in formulating monetary policy should be curtailed.

Ravitz noted that the Ministry of Finance disagreed with Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel's perception of the inflation rate, and said that such disagreements

should be avoided. "I think it will be more normal if the method by which the governor makes his decision will be such that when there is a disagreement between the governor and the Minister of Finance someone else will decide, like the Prime Minister." Ravitz said.

According to Ravitz, crucial decisions should not be made by one person alone.

Meanwhile, Dan Propper, president of the Manufacturers Association, said the public's capital holdings have dropped about NIS 144 billion over the last twoand-a-half years as a result of damage caused to the capital market by government policy, especially the Bank of Israel's monetary policy.

During the last few months. Propper's group repeatedly has complained that the Bank of Israel is only interested in reducing inflation, irrespective of other economic factors. The manufacturers blame the industrial sector's drop in earnings on high interest rates and the

freezing of the exchange rate. The association called on the Finance Committee to intervene in the Bank of Israel's monetary policy before the economy reaches a situation of zern growth and a

rise in unemployment "The Governor has said more than once that he considers lowering of the inflation rate as his major task. I want to remind him that according to Bank of Israel law be has other jobs and if he is incapable of doing them he should not

remain in this job," said Propper. According to Propper the inflation rate has remained at 11 percent, despite the governor's insistence that it is falling.

"Who ever thinks the inflation rate will fall to 2-3% by the year 2000 does not know what he is talking about. This is simply not possible in a monopolistic economy with many large government owned companies that are not competitive," said Propper.

Landys & Gyr to invest in Israel **GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

LANDIS & Gyr, the Swiss specialist in electronic engineering, plans to launch an investment in Israel, a source close to the company said last week.

Company representatives plan to visit this month and meet with companies in the electronics sector. During the visit, the delegation will receive legal information on how to do business here, including investments. It also will receive information on the capitalinvestments encouragement laws.

Attorney Eytan Liraz, head of the Swiss-Israeli Chamber of Commerce, said Landis & Gyr plans to triple its business here.

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Likud official appointed chairman of Africa-Israel: Africa-Israel's board of directors yesterday appointed Likud Party Treasurer Izzi Tapuchi as chairman of the real-estate company, Tapuchi was appointed in the board of Africa-Israel two weeks ago. His appointment led to the resignation of Gideon Shetiat, who served on the board of Bank Leumi, the parent company. Shetiat claimed the appointment was politically motivated.

Tapuchi is considered a close associate of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. It has been reported that he regularly advises Netanyahu on economic issues.

Galir Lipkis Beck Netanyahu on economic issues.

Bezeq supplies disks with changes in phone numbers for big clients: A computer disk containing information on changes in phone numbers during the past two years is being supplied to all of Bezeq's major customers and will soon be available free to anyone who requests it. The disk does not list every phone number in all directories, but it does give the rules for all changes, such as adding a prefix of 5 to six-digit Jerusalem numbers that started with a 3, 6 or 8. The disk also tells the user the reverse information: what the old number was before the change. Bezeq said it will update the information in subsequent disks from time to time. It is especially meant for bundreds of large companies and organizations that deal with customers frequently over the phone.

Chinese delegations put off trips to Israel: The planned visit of Chinese deputy Prime Minister Li Lan Qing and a delegation of Chinese businessmen and government officials this month has been postponed, the Foreign Ministry said.

Chinese Transport Minister Huang Zhen Dong also was scheduled to visit last week, but that trip was called off, too. A Chinese embassy official in Tel Aviv denied the delegations had canceled their trips altogether, but said they were attempting to rearrange for future dates.

These visits were only under discussion between your government and our government," said the official. "The deputy prime minister has a very busy schedule. I do not believe this was because of the current political situation."

The official said it is quite normal for such postponements to take Macintosh exhibition opens in Tel Aviv: Macintosh World '96, a

two-day exhibition related to Macintosh computers, opens tomorrow at the Exhibition Grounds in Tel Aviv. The exhibition is meant for those working in design, multimedia, advertising and publishing. Special emphasis will be put on the Internet and digital publishing. Attached to the exhibition is a seminar organized by the Israel Management Center on multimedia and advanced technologies in business and organizations. Visitors to the Delta Film booth at the exhibition will be photographed by a digital Kodak camera and find their pictures on a special Internet site established for the exhibition.

German reinsurer opens Tel Aviv office: Gerling Global Re. one of the world's largest reinsurance companies, has opened a liaison office in Tel Aviv as part of its strategy to boost its role in the Middle East. Zeev Ben-Itzhak, who has many years of experience in the life-insurance business, was appointed local representative of the German company, which will offer a full range of life and permanent reinsurance. Galit Lipkis Beck

Afghan government has difficulty finding someone to print banknotes: Throughout the Afghan capital, civil servants were counting huge piles of 50 Afghani banknotes yesterday. They had just received their first pay in two months.

Fifty Afghanis is worth a third of a US cent. The average

monthly pay of a civil servant in the Afghan capital is 102,000

Analysts of the Afghan situation in Kabul say they suspect the cause of both the late payment and the small denominations is that the ex-government of Burhanuddin Rabbani took most of the contents of the central bank with it when they fled Kabul.

The analysts say the currency is not printed in Afghanistan and suggest that until the Taleban are recognized as the rightful government, they will have difficulty persuading the printers to provide them with more currency.

Germany investigates suspected tax evaders: Prosecutors are investigating about 70,000 bank customers in Germany on suspicion of tax evasion, the German newspaper Welt am Sonntag

German tax authorities estimate they may have lost about half a billion marks (NIS 1.1b.) in revenue through evasion, the paper said. The probe comes at time when Germany is keen to tighten budgets to qualify for a single European Union currency after .

The newspaper said the prosecutor's office in Frankfurt was investigating 40,000 customers with accounts at Commerzbank AG, while Duesseldorf prosecutors were probing 20,000 Dresdner

Italian finance minister determined to qualify for European currency union: Italy will be among the countries that qualify for European currency union in 1999, Italian Treasury Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi said in an interview with a German newspaper. "We will present ourselves in the kind of condition which will

ensure a positive decision" qualifying for monetary union. Ciampi said Italy would not use a possible loosening of fiscal requirements to meet the tough financial criteria established in the Maastricht Treaty for countries wishing to join EMU in 1999.

"It is in Europe's best interests to have a strong euro," said Ciampi.

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Iraqis queue at a food-rationing distribution center in Baghdad yesterday. The UN decided Friday

Japanese business leaders

back out of planned visit

DAVID HARRIS

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This, however, contradicts the

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tor-general Yosi Snir, who, in

August, confirmed that the 28

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The delegation was to bave

included the heads of sucb com-

panies as Fujitsu, NEC Corp.,

Sumitomo Corp., Mitsubishi's

banking and industrial divisions.

such visit," said Peri.

mid-November.

LONDON (Reuter) - The rise in economies in eastern Europe is likely to dip this year, but over the longer term the region's prospects are bright, says the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in a report to he

THE planned visit by a delega-

tion of the heads of 28 of Japan's

largest corporations will not take

place, an Industry and Trade

The businessmen were sched-

uled to arrive here immediately

after next week's economic confer-

ence in Cairo, but the official said

the visit has not been timetabled,

Even so, the deputy director-

general for foreign trade at the

ministry, Zohar Peri, denied there

was ever to be a formal visit of

senior Japanese management. "If

Ministry official said yesterday.

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is expected to drop to around 4 percent in 1996 from 5.2% in 1995," it said in its annual transi-

tion report. The expected slip reflects the slow growth in the main export markets in the West and tighter fiscal policies in some of the countries.

But for the rest of the decade, countries in the former East Bloc, especially those more advanced in the switch to capitalism, can expect annual growth of 4% to 5%

"The countries in the region have an educated labor force, and are moving towards greater macroeconomic stability, alheit with occasional setbacks in some

countries." There is no reason the nations' efforts to establish market-oriented economies will not work just as well as they have in southeast Asia, provided the countries adopt flexible policies, it said.

But the former Soviet Union continues to lag, with Russia and the Ukraine yet to show positive growth.

"This is a reflection of the greater length of time it has taken to implement successful stabilization policies and the generally slower rate at which reforms have been introduced," the report said.

Next year, the region should see stronger growth. It predicted Russian gross domestic product would grow 3% next year compared to minus 3% in 1996. Inflation has been further cut in

nearly all the 26 countries that the EBRD serves. "(But) hard-won gains have slipped away in Bulgaria,

for eastern Europe and the Balrics Romania and Albania, which have seen significant rises in inflation,"

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gation from Japan to visit Israel.

is now to be far less senior, said

Peri. This is because of the uncer-

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that took place in late July and

early August. Representatives of

the Japanese Ministry of Industry

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and Trade also participated.

The visit of the high-level dele-

The Japanese delegation to Cairo

the report said. Trade balances in a number of countries bave worsened but mainly because domestic investment and consumption bave risen sharply while export growth to the European Union bas slowed.

Though competitiveness does not appear yet to be a problem, the EBRD urged major restructuring of industry if countries want to see productivity continue to rise.

One of the major advances has been the success of the mass privatization in countries of the former Soviet Union, Albania and Romania. Countries with more sophisticat-

ed economies, such as the Czecb

Republic and Hnngary, have

begun to privatize their utilities and transport industries. The bank also focused on the need to raise domestic savings and improve an infrastructure, set up with scant attention to either the

consumer or the environment. "(Infrastructure's) commercialization and restructuring are cen-tral to transition," EBRD chief economist Nick Stern said. "However, some of the more difficult tasks at the heart of transition, such as enterprise restructuring, the rehabilitation and rebuilding of infrastructure, and the building of strong financial and legal institutions, bave a long way to go."

The EBRD pointed out that \$6 billion in foreign investment had flowed into the region's major infrastructure firms since 1990. mainly into telecommunications and also into gas and electricity

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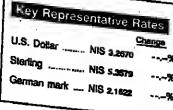
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Precious metals steady as no US inflation seen

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COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

PRECIOUS metals closed mixed to little changed in very narrow trading ranges and quiet condi-tions Friday after US economic reports suggested moderate growth with little inflation pres-

US October non-farm payroll data rose 210,000 as the unemployment rate was unchanged at

The selling pressures that saw December gold make a contract low Thursday subsided as gold found support Friday. Silver trading was restrained and traded within a range.

December gold closed up \$0.10 at \$379.20. December silver closed down 1 cent at \$4.7980. January platinum closed up \$0.70 at \$384.70. December palladium closed down \$0.25 at \$116.50.

High-grade copper futures closed last week solidly higher after holding support following lower prices earlier on the day. Part of the upward move was due to a report by the London Metal Exchange which showed a decrease in stocks, triggering short slops. The December copper futures contract closed up 135 basis points at \$0.9265.

Soybean futures closed lower Friday amid generally quiet conditions as market bulls took a sick day after Thursday's plunge. Any attempt to rally was met by prehedge selling in anticipation of solid harvest gains.

The bearish sentiment may come from early ideas that the upcoming US Department of Agriculture November crop progress report, due November 12, will show an increase in production. The January soybean futures contract closed down 2.5 points at

Cotton futures higher after a quiet, rangebound session, with many traders expecting the market to continue to range-trade until the crop report. The December cotton futures contract closed up 42 points at 72.47

World sugar futures settled higher Friday on spread trading in a quiet session, with the March futures contract closing 6 points higher at 10.36 cents. Friday was the first trading day for February 1997 sugar options and for October 1998 sugar futures. Next Friday is the last trading day for December 1996 sugar options.

Coffee futures settled mixed on roaster baying and commercial trade and origin selling in an extremely quiet session. The December contract settled 5 points higher at \$1.1725.

Cocoa futures settled lower on speculator liquidation and light local selling. The December contract settled \$8 lower at \$1,345. The March contract also settled \$8 lower at \$1,384.

Courtesy of Michael Zwebner, CommStock Trading Ltd.

Third World G-15 trade summit opens in Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe (Reuter) - A three-day summit of Third World Group of 15 countries opened yesterday, with Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe calling on the international community to implement agreed measures that are aimed at achieving fair world trade.

Mugabe told the annual G-15 conference on the trade concerns of developing countries that although rich, industrialized nations currently were addressing the debt problem, there was little focus on ensuring Third World states were paid fair and reasonable prices for their pri-

mary commodity exports. This is the challenge facing the international community. In this regard, developing countries are not asking for handouts but for the intplementation of measures (agreed to achieve fair trade)," he

The Group of 15 has retained its G-15 tag although it now comprises

16 countries. Mugabe said the conference would discuss strategies to promote trade among Third World countries, to stimulate growth in the world's

BT and MCI in \$22b. telecom merger

LONDON (Reuter) - British Telecom unveiled the largest merger in UK corporate bistory yesterday, linking up with MCI Communications, the number two US long-distance phone company, to create a \$54 billion

Six months after alliance talks failed with BT's British rival Cable and Wireless. BT announced its deal with MCI - to be called Concert Plc - would create one of the world's largest telecom groups with 43 million business and residential customers in 70 countries.

BT already owned 20 percent of MCI with which it has created the Concert joint venture, pro-viding a whole range of communications services to customers in more than 50 nations.

The merger combines the substantial financial resources and global position of BT with the growth momentum and market expertise of MCI, known for its success in the competitive US long-distance market," BT said

DETROIT (Reuter) - General

Motors cut a deal-to end a costly

strike at an Indianapolis metal

stamping plant yesterday, about 14

hours after it announced a tentative

national contract agreement with

The five-day Indianapolis strike had threatened to paralyze most of

GM's North American light-truck

production by early next week.

Along with a second, still-unre-

solved walkout at GM's

Janesville, Wisconsin, truck plant,

the dispute was responsible for idling more than 19,000 workers.

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However, GM's full-size pick-

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GM, ùnions reach pact

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in a statement. Under the deal, which has yet

to be agreed by regulatory authorities on either side of the Atlantic, shareholders ie MCI would receive up to \$3.8b. in cash as well as 0.54 new Concert American Depositary Shares for every MCl share held.

Under the proposed deal, BT is paying its sharebolders a special dividend bonanza of 35 pence a per share, worth an estimated £2b. (NIS 10.28b.). BT did not immediately give

figures for the total value of the proposed deal, details of which started leaking into the markets late Friday. Analysis expect the deal to be worth about \$22b.

The new telecom giant, incorporated in Britain, would have headquarters in London and Washington and operate under the BT and MCI brand names. BT has been looking for a major acquisition since its pro-posed merger with Cable and Wireless failed in May. BT had

Indianapolis-made parts, joining

four other idled truck plants and a

Ronald Gettelfinger, UAW

regional director in Indianapolis,

said the new local labor agreement

was not influenced by the national

GM-UAW labor accord, which

covers 215,000 US hourly workers.

wages, benefits, job security and

other broad issues, while local

pacts cover plant-specific issues

like work rules and staffing levels.

"We've got great negotiators at the top," Gettelfinger said. This

He declined to discuss the griev-

ances that sparked the strike. They

were believed to include demands

was local issues."

Multi-sided trading

The national contract defines

crippled engine plant.

because it would have given it access to the lucrative Asian telecom market - the world's fastest growing market.

Analysts now expect BT and MCI to start making overtures to major Asian players such as Japan's giant Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp., the world's largest telecom group. The company said in a statement that the proposed deal would create a world-leading communications powerbouse with annual cash flow of about £7.5b.

BT expects the merger would yield savings from combining overlapping services of £1.5b. over the first five years and £500 million per year, before tax, after

BT also forecast dividends of 19.85 pence per share for the year to March 31, 1997 - a rise of 6% over last year - excluding the 35p per share special dividend. BT, which will release full year results on November 14, has declared a half year dividend of

pence payable in November, 6% more than in the same period last year.

The deal is believed to be the second-largest ever involving a US company - topped only by the 1989 buyout of RJR Nabisco by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and

Analysts said a combined company would be a good fit in the ultra-competitive US long-distance phone industry, where MCI's major competitors are AT&T and Sprint.

Current market leader AT&T, which would be the hardest bit by a financially muscular new enlarged rival, said Friday it was confident any MCI/BT deal would receive proper scrutiny by

the US government. One potential problem is a media joint venture between MCI and Robert Murdoch's News Corp. BT would end up with MCI's 13% non-voting stake in News Corp and this could cause regulatory difficulties in Britain, analysts say.

Canadian Airlines unveils survival plan amid losses

CALGARY (Renter) - Canadian Airlines Corp., struggling to survive amid heavy losses, said Friday it would add capacity on foreign flights, seek wage cuts from employees and ask for concessions from its US shareholder. AMR Corp. .

Canadian, which said its year-todate financial results were much worse than expected, said it could face a serious cash crunch in the first quarter of 1997 and that a string of losses threatened its sur-

"Canadian has had a history of chronic losses. We have to address it and we are addressing it." Chief Executive Kevin Benson told a news conference at the company's head office. Benson said the moves, which

for more jobs to cope with an increasing workload and protections for skilled trades workers. UAW President Stephen Yokich, and AMR, would slowly bring who announced the national pact, the carrier to profitability withbeld out the threat of more local out revenue growth by adding strikes to keep GM from dragging C\$800 million (NIS 1.9 billion) its feet in negonations with its 123 to its bottom line over four years. The details were not

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négotiable, he said.

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The IAM represents 5,300 of Canadian's 12,000 unionized workers.

The carrier this year struck deals with all but one of its unions aimed at saving C\$125 million a year in require approval from unions labor costs. The IAM agreement saved the airline C\$34 million.

which represents the airline's 3,700 passenger and reservation agents, also said Friday that wage rollbacks were "no solution."

But the plan quickly hit turbulence with the company's unions, the biggest of which said it would reject attempts to cut its members' pay after numerous wage conces-

sions in the last few years.

This is deplorable. Basically, we are being asked to tell (union members) that once again you have to buy your jobs," Davie Ritchie, vice-president of District reporters. "We are not prepared to

The Canadian Auto Workers,

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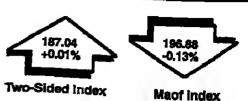
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Stocks steady as investors watch peace talks

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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STOCKS closed little changed for a second trading day as investors waited for developments in the

most acrive share on the peace process. exchange with NIS 7.4m. of The Maof fell 0.13 percent to shares changing hands, jumped after announcing on Friday that 196.88 and the Mishtanim rose 0.01% to 187.04. The general the US Food and Drug bond index fell 0.27%. Administration cleared it to sell a

Of 979 shares trading across the exchange, nearly 17 shares fell for every 10 that rose. Some NIS 35.6 million of shares changed hands, NIS 5.1 m. below Thursday's

Very few shares changed hands today at all," said Dan Alt, a bro-ker at Tel Aviv investment firm

Nesuah Trading.
"Stocks have been dead for a long time, amid high interest rates, low dollar rates and political prob-

lems," be said. Teva Pharmaceutical Industries,

Teva's American Depository Receipts - traded in New York rose to 43 1/8 on Friday from 40 7/8 Wednesday, the last day of trading before the weekend. Teva's shares on the Maof Index rose 4%.

generic hypertension drug.

a generic drugmaker, was the

only exception, Alt said. Teva, the

Investors also are waiting to see companies' third-quarter earnings reports, due to start later this month, said Alt. Yet even if profits are better-than-expected, he cautioned, "it probably won't change much." (Bloomberg)

Kazakhstan will start oil exports via Iran this month

DUBAI (Reuter) - Kazakhstan will start to export 2 million tons of oil a year to world markets through Iran from this month, a Kazakh official said in remarks reported this weekend by Iran's state-run News Agency.

The unnamed Kazakb ministry of trade official said technical studies on the project had been completed and operations will start later this month.

He did not elaborate, but added that the quantity of oil passing through Iran could be raised to 6m. tons in a decade. Iran and Kazakhstan signed an oil exchange deal in June. Under the agreement, an initial

40,000 barrels per day of Kazakb crude oil will be delivered to Iran's refineries at Tehran and Tabriz, while Iran will make available a similar volume of its crude at its Gulf ports on Kazakhstan's behalf.

Iranian President Akbar Tashemi Rafsanjani and Hashemi Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev agreed in May to go ahead with the oil swap deal.

Germans welcome longer shopping hours

BERLIN (Reuter) - As major store managers counted the takings on Saturday from Germany's first day of longer we'll be taking on extra staff," he shopping bours, their customers said. appeared to have given the move an enthusiastic thumbs-up.

Germany's biggest department store, Karstadt's KaDeWe in Berlin, said it had done around 20 percent of its trade between 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday the day that new shopping bours came into force.

Frankfurt's Zeil, the highestturnover shopping street in the country, remained busy until

Joseph Stoffer, the manager of store Galeries Lafayette said his p.m. from Monday to Friday 7 p.m.

rather than see the store close at "If this demand continues,

The liberalization of shopping

bours amended laws passed in the 1950s and took several years of often bitter debate to push through parliament.

Labor unions and small shopkeepers opposed the reform, arguing it would not boost turnover but only draw business away from smaller shops to the large city-center stores which can afford to take on more staff.

A glance around some of the descried shops away from the Zeil Berlin's new luxury department in Frankfurt appeared to bear this out, although one jeweller reportcustomers bad been enthusiastic ed she had done a quarter of her about the chance to shop until 8 day's business between 6 p.m. and.

IMF official hopeful for new Ukraine loan

KIEV (Reuter) - A senior International Monetary Fund official said yesterday he was hopeful Ukraine would soon win a multibillion dollar, long-term credit to succeed its current stand-by pro-

"If Ukraine gets the Extended Fund Facility, which hopefully they will get pretty soon, it would be a foundation for economic growth for this country," J. de Beaufort Wijnholds, IMF executive director for Ukraine and the Netherlands, said after a news conference held by members of the IMF board in Kiev to examine the former Soviet republic's economic progress.

A separate mission is also visit-

ing Ukraine negotiating the three-year, \$2.5 to \$3 billion EFF program, which if approved would start in 1997 as the \$867 million stand-by loan expires.

IMF officials have said previously that the new funding program was expected to be decided by the end of 1996.

Ukraine bas secured about \$2.1b. in IMF credits since winning approval for its market

reform program in 1994.
Wijnholds was generally positive about the economy, though he said Ukraine had to implement further structural reforms. "By next year there is a good

chance there will be positive eco-nomic growth," he said. "We think. Ukraine can achieve 10 percentannual inflation in a couple of The 1997 draft budget, awaiting .

parliamentary approval, forecasts 1.7% growth in gross domestic product from a plunge of 11.8% in

Aimed at meeting IMF guide-lines, it calls for inflation to slow to 24.9% from 48% forecast this . year and a reduction in the budget . deficit to 2.4% of GDP by Western calculations.

Wijhnholds said President Leonid Kuchma had shown a "strong commitment" to the EFF when he met the board this week.

German union to hold day of protest at sick cuts

FRANKFURT (Reuter) Germany's largest trade union said tens of thousands of workers across Bavaria would stage a day of protest today after firms vowed to implement new legislation cutting sick pay to 80 percent of salaries.

IG Metall engineering and metal-workers union called on its members to join a rally outside the gates of the Audi car factory in the northern Bavarian city of Ingolstadt and 10

brace themselves for more industrial action later this year.

The day of protest comes as the latest in a series which have included unspecified stoppages and dis-rupted production at German companies, but which have stopped short of all-out strike action.

The protests target a new law that came into force in October as part of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's austerity

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Foreman wins unanimous decision over Grimsley

Morrison gets knockout in 'clean fight'

TOKYO (Reuter) - George Foreman, 47, used the belly-bump and said he had 100 more fights in him, HIV-infected Tommy Morrison didn't lose a drop of blood and the referee decided not to wear goggles but did don surgical gloves.

Everyone involved in two extraordinary fights yesterday admitted ending up richer and boxing became another sport where a HIV-

infected competitor was accepted. Unlike most parts of the US, Japan does not prohibit anyone carrying the AIDS virus from taking part in professional boxing.

But the main event, in a hotel within a stone's throw of Tokyo Disneyland, featured the bellybump which helped the ever-young Foreman retain his World Boxing Union heavyweight title in a unanimous points win over fallow American Crawford Grimsley, an opponent 20 years younger.

Foreman opened a cut under Grimsley's left eye in the ninth round of their 12-round bout after gradually wearing down a challenger who the champion accused of running away from him.

Grimsley, the sixth-ranked World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight, took the first few rounds of the 12-round title bout, but then ran out of steam.

"These young folks can't keep up with me. They run from me,"

Grimsley often broke off exchanges with the heavy-hitting Foreman to walk around the ropes

well out of range.
The three US judges all made Foreman the clear winner by 119-109, 116-112 and 117-111.

I have a 100 more fights in me," said Foreman, a former world champion who fought the likes of Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier. He now has a record of 75 wins, including 68 knockouts, against four defeats in a career going back



STILL THE CHAMP - George Foreman raises his arms in triumph after retaining his WBU heavyweight title.

Foreman kept to a vow to employ a "belly-bump" - using his ample stomach to keep opponents at bay to unsettle Grimsley.

"Now that's over with I'm going to go eat 16 hamburgers and have sushi for dessert," the 257-lh

Morrison's 10-round bout, the lead-up to the Foreman fight, had attracted almost as much attention because the 27-year-old is infected with the HIV virus.

Morrison, a former World Boxing Organization heavyweight champion, who bad not fought for eight months since learning he had the virus; had vowed to stop the

fight if he started bleeding.

But in the end no precautions were needed as Morrison knocked down fellow American Marcus Rhode three times in the first round with clubbing overhead rights, ending the fight with only one minute 38 seconds gone.

"I think he might have landed one, maybe two punches on me." Morrison said. "There was no blood on me."

Referee Frank Garza, who some reports said had considered wearing goggles for the fight, simply donned latex gloves and said he also was not afraid to be in the ring with Morrison.

. Turbo Tumo of Finland was second and Joseph

Aunta Catuna of Romania was a surprise win-.

ner among the women as two-time defending

champion Tegla Loroupe of Kenya faded after

Kamau of Kenya third.

Eilat shocks Mac. TA in State Cup action

THE big story of last night's sec-ond leg of the best-of-16 round in the State Cup was the loss of advance to the next round. Their Maccabi Tel Aviv to Hapoel Eilat by a whopping 17 points, 93-79.

The champions, however, advance to the quarter-finals on the strength of their 32-point win in the first leg at Yad Eliyahu.

The bome side beat Maccabi for the first time in three years thanks mainly to tremendous shooting by its two foreign players, Joe Dawson (25 points) and James Forrest (25). They were admirably supported by Nanad Markovitch (20) and Yuval Ashkenazî (10).

The Maccabi squad could do little right. The highest scorer was team captain Nadav Henefeld (19) who made some useful points from the color area. Brad Leaf and Randy White each scored 12 while Oded Katash hit three three-pointers, but did very little else.

Maccabi Risbon 85 (69) Hapoel Galil Elyon 71 (79) Rishon wiped out Galil's 10point lead from the first leg to Aviv's two foreign players,

star player was Tomer Kami who made all the difference in a close-

ly contested game. Bnei Herzliya 90 (65) Maccabi Carmiel 61 (83)

Herzliya wiped away the shame of its 18-point loss to the seconddivision team last week and thus advances to the quarter-finals. The high-scorer was Lior Arditi with 21. Hapoel Jerusalem 90 (92) Maccabi Ra'anana 85 (76)

This was in essence a practice game for Pini Gershon and he gave his bench-warmers an outing as his team cruised to its second victory over Ra'anana in the

Hapoel Tel Aviv 93 (70)

Hapoel Holon 90 (77) Tel Aviv edged Holon at the finish of an exciting game, but it was not enough to wipe out the seven-point deficit from the first leg – Holon is in the quarter-finals. Tel

Dimitri Hill and Michael Lloyd scored 56 points between them. Maccabi Netanya 87 (87)

Maccabi Ramat Gan 78 (101) Netanya made a valiant effort to win, but not by enough to take the team to the next round. Ramat Gan goes forward with an overall victory in the two games. Netanya's David Colbert was brilliant with 37 points, including seven three-pointers.

Mac. Kiryat Motzkin 114 (79) Hapoel Haifa 91 (81)

In this "Haifa derby" between the two second-division teams, Motzkin trounced its opponent to take the game and the overall win in both legs. Shimon Avrami was outstanding with 24 points. Elitzur Risbon Lezion 113 (83)

Elitzur Rishon wiped out its opponents's six-point lead from the first round with a dazzling running and shooting display. Youni Bental made 24, including six three-pointers.

All first-leg results in brackets.

Enqvist takes Paris Open

PARIS (AP) - Thomas Enqvist, saying he was playing Jacco Eltingh and Paul Harrhuis 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7-2).

"in a zone," stopped Yevgeny Kafelnikov's attempt for Kafelnikov, a top ten player in both singles and do a French double by beating the Russian, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5 yesterday in the final of the Paris Open.

"I felt like I couldn't lose," Enqvist said. "I was kind of playing out of my mind."

"I was in a zone today," the 22-year-old said. Enqvist served 20 aces, including four in the final game as he dominated the Russian in 1 hour 26 minutes. Enqvist's fastest serve was just over 201 kph. "It was very important to serve well against him,"

Enqvist said. "It allowed me to play harder and be more aggressive." Kafelnikov, No. 4, and Enqvist, No. 12, were the only seeded players to get past the third round in a tournament that hegan with Pete Sampras Michael

Chang, Bons Becker and Andre Agassi among the Enqvist took home the biggest paycheck of his career, \$393,000. It was his minth career title and sec-

ond this year. Later yesterday, Kafelnikov teamed with Czech Daniel Vacek to lose the doubles against Dutchmen

Kafelnikov, a top ten player in both singles and doubles, has played 159 matches this season, the most on the ATP tour.

Ten minutes into the match, Enqvist was up 4-0 behind sizzling service returns and penetrating groundstrokes that sped by Kafelnikov. He went on to take the first set as they split the next

four games. Enqvist served just four aces in the second set but three of them came at key times. He ended two games with an ace and another brought him to set point, which he won with a service winner.

Kafelnikov gained the lead for the first time in the match as he went up 3-0 at the start of the third set, dropping just one point in those three games. But Kafelnikov lost his next service game at love

with a double fault and a netted smash. Things were even in the third set until 5-5. ... Then two unforced errors by Kafelnikov and two

winners by Enqvist put the Swede up 6-5 and serving for the match.

He ended it in style, serving four aces.

Liverpool (23 points) also had a chance of going top but surpris-ingly went down 3-0 at last place Blackburn, which won for the first Maccabi Kiryat Gat 100 (89)

time this season but stayed at the Beardsley's first goal came five minutes before halftime after David Ginola went down under a challenge. The Middlesbrough defenders protested no one had touched the Frenchman but a penalty was awarded and

Newcastle

back on

top

LONDON (AP) - Two goals by

veteran Peter Beardsley helped

Newcastle back to the top of the

Premier League yesterday in a 3-1

The 37-year-old striker netted a

controversially-awarded first-half penalty and then added the second

20 minutes from the end. Another

England international player, mid-

fielder Robert Lee, theo fired

home his first of the season to lift

Newcastle to 27 points from 12

games and replace Arsenal (25

points) atop the standings.

over

victory

Middlesbrough.

Beardsley hit the target.
Middlesbrough, with Brazilians Juninho and Emerson busy in the approach work but Italian star Fabrizio Ravanelli seeing bule of the ball, matched Newcastle for

workrate. But the game was out of its reach when Beardsley took a pass from Les Ferdinand and shot home in

the 77th minute. Lee's goal came eight minutes from the end and was a powerful left-footed drive which seemed to a deflection off Middlesbrough defender Steve

Vickers. The Magpies fans were already celebrating a return to the top of the standings by the time Danish striker Mikkel Beck scored a consolation goal for 'Boro.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: Premier League: Blackburn 3, Liverpool 0; Newcastle 3

National soccer team begins training for Cyprus

THE national soccer squad today convenes for its first training session ahead of Sunday's

World Cup qualifier with Cyprus in Limassol-Coach Shlomo Scharf said yesterday that prolific striker Romen Harazi is unlikely to play, as he is still suffering from a leg injury which has seen him miss local league action since the 1-1. draw against Russia early last

Eyal Berkowitz arrived for training from England yesterday and according to Scharf, his excellent performances for Southampton will almost certainly assure him of a place in the

starting lineup. The situation is not so clear for Ronnie Rosenthal, however, as he cannot command a regular first-team spot with Spurs, and only played for five minutes in the London derbywith West Ham United on Saturday, Scharf said he is not sure whether Rosenthal will be in

the starting 11. Haim Revivo will arrive from Spain tonight and will join the squad for training only tomor-

In other news yesterday, Dov Remler was named as the surprise choice for coach of Maccabi Petah Tikva.

The move came after Uri Malmillian had insisted that Petah Tikva hire him together with his assistant, Moshe Ben-Harush. Club-chair man Avi Luzon and his board-member brother Amos refused pointblank to Malmillian's demands and opted for Remler instead.

The former Hapoel Tel Aviv player will coach the Petah Tikva club until the end of the season and his contract gives him an option for another year under the Luzons.

Leone, coming off a stress fracture earlier in the leading early and wound up seventh. Catuna won in 2:28.17. year, was timed in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 54 seconds.

Italian cop wins NY

NEW YORK (AP) - A little known Italian police-

man, Giacomo Leone, streaked away from the

field late in the race and won the New York City

Marathon as the expected contender never seri-

MOHALI, India (Reuter) - Leg-spinner Anil Kumble bowled India to a thrilling five-run victory over Australia yesterday to secure his side a place in the final of the Titan

ously challenged yesterday.

Cup triangular limited-over series. Kumble, who had claimed the key wicket of skipper Mark Taylor in his first spell, returned to clean bowl Paul Reiffel and Jason Gillespie and apply the brakes as Australia chased India's imposing 289 for six in 50 overs.

Australia needed six to win from the final over bowled by Sachin Tendulkar but Brad Hogg was run out at the non-striker's end off the first ball in a scramble for a leg-bye. India, with five points from six matches, will now meet South Africa in Wednesday's final. "It was an incredible win."

after the match. "Azharuddin played a fabulous knock to set us on the victory course and I'm glad we made iL' The Indian innings revolved around Azharuddin's 104-ball

knock of 94 and Tendulkar's 62

off 61 deliveries after being put in

19; Chicago 13, Tampa Bay 10.

Indian skipper Tendulkar said

India beats Australia by 5 runs

217 6-253 Bowling: McGrath 10-0-52-1 (2nb); Reiffel 10-1-52-0 (1nb, 2w), Gillespie 9-0-63-0 (1nb), M.Waugh 9-0-38-2, Law 10-0-65-2, Hogg 2-0-12-0.

Top 25 college football scores

No. 1 Floridis (8-0) beat Georgia 47-7. Next: at Vandertilt, Saturday.
No. 2 Ohio Statis (8-0) beat Minnesota 45-0. Next: at Minoris, Seturday.
No. 3 Floridis St. (7-0) beat Georgia Tech 49-3. Next: vs. Walee Forest, Saturday.
No. 4 Artzona St. (9-0) beat Oregon State 29-14. Next: vs. California, Seturday.
No. 5 Nebrasica (7-1) beat Okahoma 73-21. Next: vs. Missoud, Saturday.
No. 6 Termessee (8-1) beat South Carolina 31-14. Next: at Memphis, Saturday.
No. 7 Colorado (7-1) beat Michigan 31-14. Next: at Next St. Saturday.
No. 6 M. Carolina (7-1) beat Michigan State 45-29. Next: vs. Lostsetile, Saturday.
No. 6 Michigan (7-1) beat Michigan State 45-29. Next: at Pardue, Saturday.
No. 10 Alabama (7-1) did not play. Next: at No. 12 LSU, Saturday.
No. 11 Northwestern (7-2) lost to No. 15 Pern St. 34-40. Next: at No. 25 Iows, Saturday.
No. 12 LSU (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Alatienna, Saturday.
No. 13 Brigham Young (3-1) beat Texas-El Paso 40-18. Next: vs. Rice, Saturday.
No. 15 Pern St. (8-2) beat No. 11 Northwestern 34-9: Next: at No. 9 Mich., Nov. 16.
No. 16 Virginia (6-2) beat Duis 27-8. Next: vs. Clemsion, Saturday.
No. 17 Wyonoling (9-0) beat South, Methodis 68-17. Next: vs. San Diego St. Saturday.
No. 18 West Virginia (7-2) lost to Synacusa 30-7. Next: at Rost at Rost Saturday.
No. 20 Usah (7-2) lost to Bice 51-10. Next: at New Medico, Saturday.
No. 21 Mashington (6-2) beat Southern Cal 21-10. Next: vs. Oregon St., Saturday.
No. 22 Mietni (6-2) beat Temple 57-26. Next: vs. Virginia Rech. Nov. 16.
No. 23 Southern Miss. (8-1) beat Cincineal 21-17. Next: vs. Oregon St., Saturday.
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SCOREBOARD

NFL – Early results yesterday: New York Giants 16, Arizona 8; Atlanta 20, Carolina 17; Cincinnati 24, Baltimore 21; Green Bay 28, Detroit 18; Philadelphia 31, Dallas 21; Pittsburgh 42, St. Louis 6; San Diego 26, Indianapolis

NBA - Saturday's results: Cleveland 96, Washington 96 (OT); Charlotte 109, Toronto 98; Detroit 90, Atlanta 78; Miami 97, Indiana 95; Chicago 115, Philadelphia 86; Milwaukee 124, Boston 102; Sacramento 107, Dallas 94; Houston 110, Phoenix 95; Seattle 104, Portland 93; Utah 95, L.A. Clippers 90.

NHL - Saturday's results: New Jersey 2, Tampa Bay 1; NY Rangers 5, Boston 2; Los Angeles 3, Hartford 2; NY Islanders 6, Washington 1; Pittsburgh 7, Ottawa 3; Philadelphia 3, Florida 2; Toronto 6, Debroit 2; Buffalo 0, Colorado 0; Vancouver 4, Calgary 3; San Jose 4, Montreal 3 (OT).

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Top 25 college football scores.

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HELEN KAYE

WHAT happens when a young hairdresser who wants an education meets a disillusioned professor who's bored with everything? Willy Russell's exhilarating Educating Risa provides some unexpected answers. The Tel Aviv Community Theater production, directed by Dawn Nadel, stars Yanky Fachler as Frank and newcomer Joanne Humphries as Rita. Opens tomorrow night and through Thursday at Yad Lebanim at 8:30 p.m. Tickets: (03) 752-6407.

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THERE are a lot of dance performances in the oext few days by Israel's three major modern dance ensembles. The Batsheva Dance Company presents artistic director Ohad Naharin's most recent work Yag, a tender work which follows in the tradition of his previous offerings. It is powerfully executed by the company and should not be missed by anyone who is interested in Naharin's own work. Tonight, at the North Theater in Kiryat Haim and Wednesday at the Sherover Theater tation of Goethe's 'Elective Affinities.' in Jerusalem at 8:30 p.m.



Marie Gillain stars in the Taviani brothers' movie adap-

TOMORROW, at 8:30 p.m., the Bat-Dor Dance Company performs, at its own Tel Aviv theater a mixed program featuring two works by Italian choreographer Luciano Cannito, Five Seasons danced to music by Marco Schiavoni and Black on Black performed to the music of Bach. The evening opens with a new work by Ania Brud, Contretemps, danced to a musical collage by Bobby McFerrin, Madredeus and Ambient House.

THE Kibbutz Cootemporary Dance Company presents Rami Beer's latest opus, When Most I Wink, one of the best full-evening works he created for the company of which he now serves as artistic director. Wednesday and Thursday at the Suzanne Dellal Centre in Tel Aviv (9).

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** ELECTIVE AFFINITIES - At first for children.)

glance, the Italian writing/directing team of Paolo

and Vittorio Taviani seems a bizarre choice to make a French-language film from Goethe's 1809 German novel. What's odd is not just that the Taviani brothers mix and march their languages and settings here, but that their vivid myth-making powers and fascination with the primitive, irrational urges that in their eyes shape culture and history appear to be so unterly at odds with Goethe's coolly theoretical love story. (Both the plot and title are, believe it or not, based on a chemical process whereby the mixture of certain compounds cause the component elements to change partners.) As usual, though, the Tavianis begin with a seemingly distant intellectual construct and transform it into something a good deal rawer, in this case, the most perversely decorous account of sexual skullduggery to reach the screen since Dangerous Liaisons. With Isabelle Huppert and Jean-Hogues Anglade. (French dialogue, English and Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended







CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 & 11 In a dangerous position and likely to go through (7,2,4,3) 9 Wearing away lese than half of 17 put back by the

hollow (7) 10 How a bird, to feed itself,

might behave in a domineering way (7) 11 See 1 12 It was built to hinder (9)

14 To do this backwards is more than one expects (4,4) 15 Girl bather in distrese (6) 17 Nero and I could have accepted alternative raw

material (4,3) 20 Where those who seek amusement might find it under cover (6)

23 Old Bob left the killing with amusement! (8) 25 But if diluted it can include

hard water (4,5) 26 Divert Sidney returning with a drink (7)

27 Aston's team is at home, scoundrel (7)
28 Most affectionate member

in the west (7) 29 Noted aircraft regarded as having moved abroad (9)

DOWN 2 & 15 down Buy a paper-

weight and save money (4,3,5,4) 3 Highest speed going to one's head? (7)

4 Ties the scarves (8)

5 Snuggle down amongst the cleanest leaves (6)

6 Carried on removing spice 7 Have faith to be with 51 the

day before (7) 8 See priest negotiating exorbitant increase in price! (5,4)

13 Plain dweller left a loner floundering (7)

15 See 2 16 What optimistic climbers have? (4,5)

18 Soundly shaking it being strikingly good to some (8)

19 Room for young children from N Survey (7) 21 French horn on top of jar in

floral envelope (7) 22 Somewhat confident in explaining the hard part of one's teeth (7) 24 Press the fourth one (6)

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Inner, 4 Brent. 10 Forsaks, 11 Match, 12 Erect. 13 Staying, 15 Idea, 17 Price, 19 Large, 22 Ever, 25 Eastore, 27 Caffe, 29 Shout, 30 Uniform, 21 Adore, 32 Agent.

DOWN: 3 Nerve, 3 Elastic, 5 Commas, 6 Nothing, 7 After, 8 Cease, 9 Thigh, 14 Tale, 16 Deer, 18 Respect, 25 Arguing, 21 Cross, 23 Venue, 24 Seems, 26 Otter, 28

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Of a choir (6) 8 Smarten up (8) 9 Wind instrument

10 Woven fabric (5) 11 Part of the foot (4) 12 Scottish squire (5) 15 Of a region (5) 16 Church tax (5) 19 Upon (4) 20 Biblical giant (5) 21 Board game (5)

(7,4)(4) 18 Mallet (6)

22 Spoon (3)

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EUROSPORT

9:30 Biathion: World Championship, Germany - roundup 10:30 Judo: European Team Championship, St. Petersburg (rpt) 12:00 International Motor Magazine 13:00 Soccer: European Winner's Cup 15:00 Adventure Sports: Carnel Cup Rally, Indonesia 16:00 New York Marathon (npt) 18:00 Boxing: NAFB Heavyweight championship 20:00 Car Racing 21:00 Motor Sports Magazine 23:00 The Strongest Man in the World 00:00 European Soccer 1:00 Ski Jumping: The "Four Hills" Tour 2:00 Cross Country Skiing

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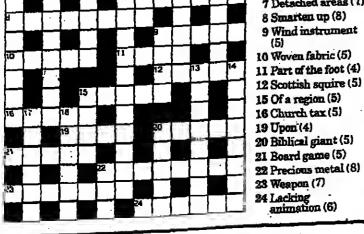
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Olmert, Meridor discuss plans for eastern Jerusalem

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JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert and Finance Minister Dan Meridor agreed yesterday to set up a joint municipal-ministry committee to work out the details of the proposed four-year development plan to improve conditions in the city's Arab

The move was seen hy municipal officials as the first concrete step toward implementing the proposal, which calls for massive government investment in everything from roads to educa-

"I believe it is morally wrong for us to continue to speak of united Jerusalem, while not doing more for development in the eastern part of the city," Meridor told reporters during an official tour of the city, lead by Olmert. The two met afterward for over an hour at City Hall.

Meridor said he was committed to the plan, hut details of the state funding for it would be worked out by the joint team.

"The municipality won't get everything it is asking for, but funding will be given, and we aren't talking about only NIS 1 million or NIS 10 million," Meridor said. Municipal sources

said figures in the tens of millions were discussed.

"I am pleased that we finally have a government that is listening to my calls for more government investment in east Jerusalem," Olmert said. "I hope to soon report the good news aboot a large government alloca-oon to Arab residents of the

Meanwhile, construction will begin within weeks at Har Homa in southern Jerusalem, Olmert

Palestinian Authority Minister of Local Government Sach Erekat, attacked the move as part of the government's "continuous attempts to kill the

But Olmert told the Associated Press that "construction here is vital," as it would "create a continuity of Jewish residents" in

Meridor also reiterated the government's commitment to huilding the new Jewish neigh-

"If the previous government supported building at Har Homa, I don't see any reason why our government shouldn't support building there," he said.

Suissa surprised many immigrants have forged papers

INTERIOR Minister Eliahu Suissa was shocked yesterday, when ministry staffers who deal with aliya from the CIS told him of the various frauduleot ways immigrants enter the country and obtain olim rights.

One clerk showed Suissa 50 forged documents which had been used to hring some 200 people here. Doing a quick calculation, Suissa determined that the state had speot more than \$10 million oo these 200 people. When such people are detect-

ed, the ministry tries to deport them, but this sometimes fails because their country of origin refuses to take them back.

One case brought to Suissa's attention was that of three members of the Nazarov family of Jerusalem's Pisgat Ze'ev section. They arrived here in

September, were registered at Ben-Gurion Airport as olim by the Absorption Ministry and issued with ID finmbers.

Wheo they appeared at the Interior Ministry's Jerusalem office to get their ID cards, the clerk became suspicious of their documents, which the police later determined were forgeries.

It was later discovered that some 30 members of the family had come here at various times and been registered as citizens

The ministry is oow seeking to have them deported.

Suissa ooted that legitimate olim have been turned away at . the airport because the police computer shows that they are already here, someooe else having used forged papers to claim. their identity.



A prototype of the US Army's Comanche stealth helicopter, for which ELOP developed the laser targeting system.

ELOP laser system to be used on stealth 'copter

ELOP yesterday inveiled a new laser system designed for use on the US Army Comanche stealth helicopter, a project which the Israeli company entered after the failure of a giant US defense manufacturer to develop a similar sys-

Company executives said the laser is unique in that it can both target the enemy and gather data on range of the threat. The laser for the Comanche combines a oew laser technology, called diode-pumped, as well as eye-safety for the user of the system, who is exposed to blinding laser beams.

The laser system for range-finding and target designation plays an important and central role in the helicopter's targeting navigation system," Jacoh Toren, ELOP's

resident said. Michael Richey, head of the US Anny systems engineering project on the Comanche, agreed, "I don't think anybody has a more advanced laser [than ELOP]," he said.

The Comarche is set to be the first stealth helicopter in the US military. The helicopter is being built by two US companies, Boeing and Sikorsky. Lockheed Martin will provide the weapons system, and ELOP developed the laser rangefinder/designator.

Richey said the US Army plans to order 1,200 Comanche helicopters, with production to begin

Murdoch and the company

accused one of the company's

founders, Michael Clinger, of

framing NDR because of personal, legal, and financial battles being

waged between Clinger and the

Tax investigators are still wading

through piles of documents and computer software confiscated

from NDR to determine whether

in 2006. Six prototype Comanches are to be delivered to the army by

The price for each ELOP system is still being negotiated, executives said. But Ken McGinty, director of the Comanche program for Lockheed, said the laser will be less than \$100,000 with an overall price for the helicopter estimated

McGinty praised the joint project of Lockheed and ELOP, pointing out how one part of the weapons system was developed in the US and the other in Israel. "This is by far the most enjoyable and profes-

together," he said."It proves we can do this at long distance."

ELOP entered the project in 1992 after a division of McDonnell Douglas failed to develop the diode-pumped laser, which is far more powerful than the conventional flash-lamp model. Lockheed executives said they searched for a replacement and found ELOP the only one with the available tech-

nology.

Both Lockheed and ELOP executives said they hoped to win Pentagon contracts to outfit existing helicopters with the new laser system way before the first Comanches roll off the production line. Among the proposals is to install the system on the Apache



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AROUND THE WORLD

Winning cards

case," the statement said, "but was THE winning cards in yesterday's a request to examine all documentation regarding the lawyers nine of spades, 10 of hearts, jack clients, News Datacom Research."

Tax authorities deny warrant issued for Murdoch's arrest

RAINE MARCUS

INCOME tax authorities flatly rejected reports published in London yesterday that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of media magnate Rupert Murdoch, whose Jerusalem-based News Datacom Research company is allegedly involved in an \$150 mil-

lion tax evasion scheme. Two weeks ago, managers and former employees were questioned by tax investigators in connection with the alleged evasion, said to be

the largest in the history of the state. No arrests have been made. News Datacom Research manufactures and exports smart cards

for pay TV systems.

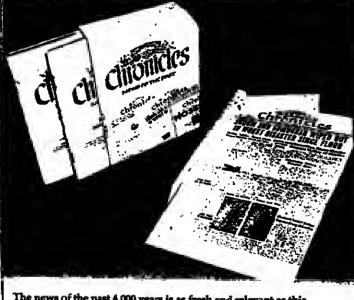
offenses were committed, with or without Murdoch's knowledge. In a statement issued yesterday, the tax authorities said no warrant has been issued for Murdoch and that: Israeli authorities have not asked for his extradition from the US or any other country.

The articles published on this matter are based on incorrect details and on mistaken understanding of procedures here," the statement said.

Tax investigators also visited law firms which represent the company here. However, the lawyers refused to hand over material on the grounds of client/lawyer confi-

As a result, the lawyer's documents were given for safekeeping to the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem courts, which have not yet decided whether to hand them over to tax authorities. Tax investigators believe the British press did not understand

the nature of the court request and interpreted it as a warrant for Murdoch's arrest. "The court request filed has absolutely no connection with the arrest of any of the suspects involved in the



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yesterday lashed out at the government for refusing to declare a national day of mourning on the anniversary of his assassination, saying the "petty decision makers" people and its future. are afraid to deal with the great rift

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in the nation caused by the murder. Filosof, who spoke at the Histadrut parliament at a special memorial ceremony marking the first anniversary of Rabin's murder, said, "It was enough to walk in the streets on the anniversary of the murder to find out that most of the nation was not impressed with the petty decision makers.

'In the bottom of my heart I feel

DALIA Filosof, daughter of the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, which would not enable us to forget, ever, what a Jew of this nation, who did not agree with the course of the elected prime minister, has done. Not for father, but for this

> "But when I walked in the street. and listened to the radio, I understood the meaning of national mourning. Not official recognition, but a common, popular feeling. Israel voted in its own way 'yes' to national mourning, and paid tribute in every possible way, as you are doing now, to a friend, a grandfather, and a father. Israel said to him, 'Friend, you are missed.'"

Today, on the anniversary of the

MICHAL YUDELMAN

Rabin's daughter decries refusal to declare national mourning day

assassination, members of the Meretz Party young guard will hold a vigil outside Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's bome, on Jerusalem's Rehov Rahel Hameshoreret, to protest against Netanyahu's role in the incitement campaign that preceded the assassination. Netanyahu has never

Meretz activists. In other observances, the Likud's youth branch held a memorial ceremony last night at the party's Metzudat Ze'ev headquarters in Tel Aviv. Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon spoke of the need for tolerance and preserving democratic

apologized for what he did, say

values. He called for holding a civ- continue your path, friend." ilized debate that is fitting for a democratic society and not to allow bullets to determine events in the political arena.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is to speak this morning at a ceremony at the entrance to the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv, where a monument to Rabin will be unveiled. The Council for Peace and

Security, which will hold a vigil in Kikar Rabin this morning, issued a statement saying, "Members of the Council for Peace and Security salute our comrade the late Lt.-Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, prime minister, chief of staff of the Six Day War, and trailblazer for peace, who was murdered for his struggle in bringing peace and security to Israel. We will

Meanwhile, a transport helicopter will stage a record-breaking fly-past across the country today, toting a sign larger than two football fields bearing Rabin's image and reading, "We will remember you always." The five-bour flight is to begin at Shefayim and fly south along the coast twice where spectators, including members of Rabin's family, will be able to see it around

noon. From there it will head east over Rehovot toward Jerusalem, then circle west and head for Haifa. Organizers said the 640 square meter sign is the largest ever to he pulled by an aircraft and the feat will be entered into the Guiness

Arieh O'Sullivan and Itim contributed to this report.

Book of Records.

Sharansky: Syria has launched a psychological war

"I BELIEVE Syria has begun a psychological war against Israel," Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky told **DAVID HARRIS**

The Jerusalem Post last night. "Syria has been sending the

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same message for the last three months," said Sharansky. "They say we as a government must give up all the Golan, up to the Kinneret, or else there'll be war. We must be ready. If we try to play this down, it shows we are

Sharansky's comments follow an interview poblished in Ha'aretz yesterday in which he said the best way to deal with repeated threats from Syria is to anticipate the worst.

"I am no military expert, butfrom a political standpoint, the way to ocutralize threats and lessen the danger is to show that we, as a people, are ready," said Sharansky. "Instead of saying all the time that it is not serious - and I am oot saying that the government is saying this - we must start an information campaign, includ-

ing talks in schools." Sharansky, however, pointed out he was interviewed prior to the visit of Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov "Over the last few days, via Primakov, there've bera better, messages from Syria, said Sharansky. Furthermore, Primakov had told him Russia

would oot support Syria if it launched an attack on street